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Yesterday's Times Portfolio competition prize was shared by four winners. Miss Victoria Nott of Sherford, Somerset, Mrs Greta Rugman of Pinhoe, Exeter, Mr Derek Page, of Wokingham, Berks, and Co L B E Hazelton of Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Somerset, each receive £500. Portfolio list, page 14; how to play, information service, back page.

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Labour split threat on miners

Mr Arthur Scargill indicated that he would not accept a compromise motion on reimbursement of the NUM's £1 million pit-strike legal costs, shattering hopes that a split at next month's Labour Party conference could be avoided

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Jaguar profits up by 54%

Jaguar's half-year profits increased by over 54 per cent to £63 million, as the company's US sales rose to nearly 11,000

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Captives freed

A Briton and an Irishman, named as Mr Malcolm Blakey and Mr John O'Connell, were released by Mozambican rebels into neighbouring Malawi after being held captive since July 30.

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Ashley 'critical'

Laura Ashley, aged 60, the designer, was still in a coma and critically ill yesterday in the intensive care unit of Coventry's Walsgrave Hospital.

Yangtze hero

Commander John Kerans, who 36 years ago achieved fame for guiding his frigate HMS Amethyst down the Yangtse river from a Communist blockade, died in Surrey, aged 70. Page 4

Asat test ready

The US Air Force is expected to begin testing an anti-satellite (Asat) weapon today against a disabled scientific satellite over the west coast.

Chess adjourns

The fourth game of the world chess championship resumes today after Anatoly Karpov, the title-holder, sealed his 41st move. Earlier report, page 7

Ryder Cup

The Ryder Cup golf match between Europe and the United States gets underway at The Belfry this morning, with four foursome matches. Page 28

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25 Russians expelled from Britain for spying

KGB defector in league with West for several years

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The head of the Soviet KGB spy service in London whose defection led Britain yesterday to order 25 Russian spies to leave the country had been in league with the West for several years, it was revealed last night.

Mr Oleg Fordievsky, Counsellor at the Soviet Embassy from June 1982, fed regular information to Danish intelligence services during his previous posting in Copenhagen.

He was in Copenhagen from 1966 to 1970 and 1972 to 1978.

The revelation raises the possibility that the KGB chief defected to Britain several weeks ago because his cover had been "blown".

Nonetheless, the entire Russian spy network in Britain is likely to have been destroyed as a result of information from Mr Gordievsky since his defection.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office said that Mr Gordievsky "was in a position to know full details of Soviet intelligence activities and personnel in this country". At the same time it announced that 25 Russians, including six diplomats, had been given three weeks in which to leave the country.

However, yesterday evening, in an interview on Danish television, Mr Erik Ninn-Hansen, the Minister of Justice, said that when Mr Gordievsky was stationed in Copenhagen, the Danish intelligence services had been fed with regular information by him.

This raises the question whether he had also been acting as an agent for Britain since he arrived as a Counsellor at the London Embassy in 1982.

If he had, he would have had much greater continuing value if he remained at his post than in seeking asylum. It is possible that he had been forced to seek asylum for fear that his activities had been or were about to be disclosed to the Russians.

If this were so, a possible explanation might link his action with the recent defection of a top West German intelligence official, Mr Hans-Joachim Tiedge, to East Germany.

There will now be fears that the Russians will engage in tit-for-tat expulsions from the British community in Moscow in response to the eviction of the Russians from Britain. The Foreign Office said that any such move would be entirely without justification. The Soviet authorities knew that the British Government would take "an extremely serious view" of any retaliation.

It is believed that Mar Gordievsky's application for asylum was made some weeks ago and that he has been subjected to a prolonged debriefing by the British security services. Mrs Thatcher has been kept abreast of developments throughout.

The FCO said that he had been a Counsellor at the Soviet Embassy from June 1982. He was a senior official in the KGB, and had recently become head of the KGB residency in London.

The Foreign Office refused to give any details of the circumstances of Mr Gordievsky's defection or his whereabouts, beyond sayding that he was in the United Kingdom. He had told the British authorities that he wanted to become a citizen of a democratic country and live in a free country.

The British decision was conveyed to the Russians when Mr Lev Parshin, the Soviet acting charge d'affaires, was called in to see Mr David Goodall, a deputy under-secretary at the FCO. Mr Parshin asked to have consular access to Mr Gordievsky and Mr Goodall undertook to convey this request to him.

Mr Parshin was told that the 25 Russians who are to be expelled had "been engaging in intelligence activities which are, of course, totally incompatible with their status and declared tasks, the nature and scale of the activities are completely unacceptable".

The Government's actions will clearly make it more difficult to achieve the improved relations with Russia which it has been seeking for at least the past year.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, said: "We have worked hard to improve relations with Moscow. We shall continue to do so. But not at the expense of national security."

The expulsions ar by far the largest since the then Sir Alec Douglas-Home expelled 105 in 1971. The six diplomats who are to leave, and some are thought already to be in Russia on holiday, include three First Secretaries out of eight at the Embassy, four of them only took up their appointments in London this year.

The others being expelled are made up of three non-diplomats from the embassy, including a driver and a security guard; seven officials of the Soviet Trade Delegation based at Highgate Hill, north London, which has long been known to be a centre of intelligence gathering activities; five journalists, and four representing other Soviet bodies, including one from the Moscow Narodny Bank.

The decision to expel them was also conveyed to the Soviet Foriegn Ministry in Moscow by Mr Brian Cartledge, the British ambassador.

The expulsions bring the number of Russians sent home to 40, since the 105 who were expelled in 1971. The most recent were in April when five were asked to leave.

At the time of the 1971 expulsions Russia retaliated by expelling or making it impossible for 18 Britons to return to Russia. Since then a further eight have been ejected at various times, including three who were expelled in April in retaliation for the British action at that time.

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Two of the expelled men, Mr Yuri Yezhov (above), and Mr Aleksandr Kodintsev.

A Russian spokesman reading out the official denial outside the Soviet embassy (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Counter-espionage coup acclaimed

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Mr Oleg Gordievsky's defection was hailed yesterday within the intelligence community as the biggest counter-espionage coup Britain has achieved against the KGB since the 1930s.

One senior intelligence figure said: "I think this is the most important thing that has happened since the war from the point of view of United Kingdom security." Few if any previous defectors have had such close knowledge of Soviet operations in Britain.

Mr Gordievsky is expected to provide not only the details which have led to the expulsion of 25 Russians but also information which may also lead to the unravelling of KGB operations in Britain and abroad. He brings with him a senior view of KGB operations in the West which interest the United States as well as Britain.

The most vital information has probably already been given so that publicity about his defection does not tip off Soviet operatives. MI5, MI6 and the Foreign Office are likely to have decided that the truth of Mr Gordievsky's disappearance need no longer be concealed.

As head of a station considered to be one of the key KGB bases in the West, Mr Gordievsky would be in direct contact with Moscow and officials in the 1st Chief Directorate, responsible for operations in Britain and the United States, day by day.

He would work almost totally independent of the regular diplomatic staff with his own communication centre within

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Botha urged by advisers to scrap pass law

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Abolition of South Africa's hated "pass law" system, which closely regulates the movement of blacks outside the 13 per cent of the country's land set aside as tribal reserves or "homelands", was recommended by a Government advisory body in Cape Town yesterday.

The recommendation came the day after President Botha said that his Government was willing to restore South African citizenship to about eight million blacks deprived of it under the "homelands" system. The two developments have together helped to redress somewhat the disastrous impression created by the President's unyielding speech in Durban on August 15, but they would have had much more impact had they been announced a month ago.

The body which has called for an end to the pass laws is the Constitutional Affairs Committee of the President's Council, which together with the tricameral Parliament for whites, Coloureds and Indians, forms part of the new constitution introduced in September last year. Like the Parliament, it has Indian and Coloured members. One of its jobs is to advise the President.

What makes the council's recommendations so significant is that a majority of its members are either representatives of Mr Botha's ruling National Party or his own nominees. The proposal to scrap the pass laws could not have been approved without their support.

In a report with its recommendation, the council says the pass law system, also known as "influx control", has not worked, and has been the cause of deep "bitterness and hatred among blacks towards whites who, on the whole, have to apply and enforce it".

It says that while uncontrolled sqatting should not be allowed, all blacks should be free to move where they want in search of work, and that special low-cost housing schemes should be provided for them near big cities.

Pass laws of some sort are almost as old as white settlement in South Africa. But in their present form they date from the mid-1940s, and prohibit blacks from being in a "prescribed", i.e. white urban area for more than 72 hours without a special permit.

The permit must be stamped in a "reference book" blacks must carry at all times and produce when asked by a policeman. Qualifications permits falls into two main categories: Blacks who have lived in an urban area since birth; or blacks who work there on temporary contracts as migrants from the homelands. The former can have their families living with them, the latter must leave their families in the homelands.

If Mr Botha were to follow the council's recommendation in full, it would be by far the most far-reaching reform of apartheid to date, even though the council has not proposed the next logical step, which would be to allow blacks who can afford to do so to move into white residential areas.

- The British Government yesterday welcomed the pass law recommendation (PA reports). The Foreign Office said: "The South African Government's recognition hat it is not enough for black South Africans to have theoretical political rights in distant homelands is a welcome step away from apartheid."

Police shot dead at least three black youths and injured 14 others near a Cape Town squatter camp yesterday in what eye witnesses described as an "ambush".

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Teachers reject new pay offer but talks go on

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Teachers' unions and the employers were locked in talks last night after the unions had rejected a pay offer which would have raised teachers' earnings by betwwen 6 per cent and 9 per cent by the end of the year but would have added 5.85 per cent to the pay bill.

The rejection of the offer, on the grounds that it amounted to less than the 6.06 per cent offer made informally in July, means that the teachers' strikes which have disrupted children's education since February will continue indefinitely.

Under the deal, teachers would have got a 5 per cent rise from April 1 this year plus another 1 per cent in November.

- **More strikes:** The second largest teachers' union in England and Wales announced plans to extend its campaign of selective strikes next week, if the talks failed (the Press Association writes).

The National Association of Schoolmasters, Union of Women Teachers said it would hit nine new areas: Birmingham, Brent, Bromley, Essex, Knowsley, Leicestershire, St Helens, and the London boroughs of Haringey and Hounslow. The action will be irregular and indefinite with other areas affected later.

Portrait of an 'invisible' man

By Patricia Clough

Oleg Gordievsky, who defected, has one quality that fits him supremely for the role of the faceless spymaster: the ability to leave hardly any impression on the people who meet him.

One diplomat said: "I met him once but I'm afraid nothing has stuck in my memory." Another added: "I chatted with him for about three minutes but he left no impression at all. I suppose you could say he was just an average man."

Like many Soviet agents he kept a low profile and socialized little, although he was for a few months the Soviet member of the London Diplomatic Association, which arranges social events for foreign diplomats in Britain.

He attended meetings and went with his wife to the Christmas balls, but other members of the committee cannot recall the couple's conservation or their interests.

"They were both very pleasant personalities and quite attractive physically," one member said. "He must have been about five foot nine and looked more Scandinavian than Russian. She was average height and dark-haired."

Another recalled: "He spoke English very well. He just seemed to have no particular characteristics."

According to the Foreign Office Mr Gordievsky was born in October 1938 and joined the KGB in 1962. After a year at its training school he spent 10 years in Soviet underground activities in Moscow and abroad.

Later he was involved in KGV activities concerning Scandinavia and Britain and was posted as counsellor to the Soviet Embassy in London in 1982. He was appointed head of the KGB in Britain just before his defection.

The Danish embassy said that Mr Gordievsky had been press attaché in the Soviet embassy in Copenhagen in the early 1970s.

Mr Greville Wynne, the former British agent, said yesterday that Mr Gordievsky would want for nothing for the rest of his life. He was probably in a large country house in the south of England still being debriefed by British intelligence.

"He will be really well looked after", he said.

The house – one of several such places used by the intelligence services for such purposes – would be well appointed, and food would be five-star standard. It was likely that the American CIA and other European security services would also be given access to him.

Mr Wynne said that Mr Gordievsky would be given a new identity; the chance to set up a business if he wished; and would be paid according to his rank."

Thus if it emerges that he is a colonel of the KGB he is likely to be paid the same as a British Army colonel and given the same pension rights.

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French air traffic halt threatened

From Diana Geddes Paris

French air traffic controllers are to strike next Wednesday and Thursday. Their last stoppage on September 5 grounded all internal French flights and severely disrupted European air traffic.

The controllers' union which represents a majority of air controllers in France, said the Government had not given it a satisfactory reply to its demands for bonus payments to be taken into account in calculating pensions. According to the union, these bonuses account for 30-40 per cent of its members total income.

Several foreign companies, including British Airways, flew Parisbound passengers to Brussels and took them by bus to the French capital, thereby adding a good four to five hours to the normal journey time.

The union, warned the Government last week that it would take further action unless its demands were met. No agreement was reached at a meeting on Wednesday, but there is nevertheless still time for new discussions

BR rejects union concession

By Barrie Clement Labour Reporter

British Rail yesterday rejected a productivity concession by the National Union of Railwaymen and indicated its refusal to reinstate 251 guards dismissed for taking action over one-man trains.

In a reversal of long-standing policy, a special delegate meeting of the NUR at TUC headquarters backed the executive's recommendation that the union should negotiate with the board on driver-only operation.

Mr Geoffrey Myers, vice-chairman of the board, said the guards would be re-employed only if the union executive were "freed" to discuss the whole range of productivity measures.

Management is anxious to press ahead with talks on the "trainman" concept which would introduce one line of promotion from guard to driver, and on "single manning" of locomotives, which would do away with drivers' assistants. Two successive NUR conferences have banned negotiations on all such issues.

Police to lead inquiry into riots

By Philip Webster

The Cabinet decided yesterday to ask for a police rather than a judicial, inquiry into the Handsworth riots after concluding that the people of Birmingham and the country needed an account of the facts and their lessons for policing.

But last night Birmingham City Council's Labour leaders condemned the Government's refusal to hold a public inquiry and said they would set up their own independent investigation.

The police inquiry, the results of which will be published, will be conducted by Mr Geoffrey Dear, chief constable for the West Midlands, who has been asked by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, to include an account of the tactics and response of his force.

But the report will be overseen by a regional inspector of HM Inspectorate of Constabulary, Mr John Woodcock, Mr Hurd announced that the inspector's involvement was to ensure that any nationwide policing lessons are covered: But it is clear that ministers felt that an independent element should be included in the investigation.

The Cabinet, which spent most of its 75 minute meeting in a discussion on the riots, supports Mr Hurd's view that a judicial inquiry would risk going over much of the same ground covered by Lord Scarman after the Toxteth and Brixton riots four years ago.

The Government's confidence in Mr Dear was emphasized last night. His report is expected to take several weeks.

Mr Hurd, in a speech to the Association of Chief Police Officers in Preston, Lancashire last night said that Handsworth needed more jobs and better housing, but poor housing and other social ills provided no kind of reason for riot, arson and killing.

At an emergency meeting of Birmingham City Council, members said the causes of the riot were not a matter to be investigated only by the police.

Mr Dick Knowles, the Council leader, said: "This is not for the police – something has gone wrong with the social system of our city and we ought to look into that.

"The root cause of it is quite clear. If you have a collection who feel they are not part of the society they live in because that society cannot find them work then that is what it is about."

The councillors suggested the independent inquiry should be headed by someone like Lord Scarman.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, the Shadow Home Secretary, speakng last night in Todmorden, Yorkshire, said Mrs Thatcher was responsible for a large part of the plight of Handsworth.

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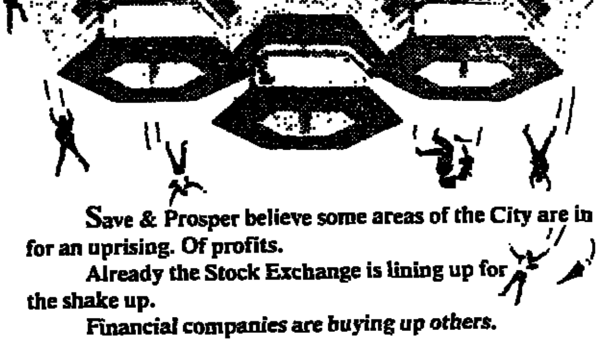
Farms crisis unites MEPs from Ireland

The unparalleled crisis facing farmers in both parts of Ireland as a result of this summer's appalling weather and huge crop losses has resulted in the Irish Republic's 15 MEPs and Northern Ireland's three, voting as one at Strasbourg yesterday

The Parliament unanimously passed a motion calling for EEC disaster aid to be made available to farmers both north and south.

The European Commission, however, has warned that it will not be able to fund more than a token contribution to farmers in Ireland and Northern Ireland as disaster funds were very limited



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The Soviet expulsions

Moscow Britons braced for marching orders in Russian retaliation

From Richard Owen, Moscow

The small British community in Moscow was bracing itself for "tit for tat" expulsions yesterday, amid a growing feeling that the Russians were almost bound to respond to the expulsion of 25 soviet officials and journalists from London.

It was still not clear last night and to what extent the Russians would retaliate, but the incident was seen as potential a serious blow to Anglo-Soviet relations, which were on an even keel after Mr Gorbachov's visit to Britain last December. The Prime Minister said then that she liked Mr Gorbachov and felt "we can do business together".

It is understood that Sir Bryan Cartledge, the British Ambassador, told the Russians yesterday that he hoped there would be no retaliation, and that Britain wanted continued political dialogue.

The last round of expulsions in April did not have a very bad effect on Anglo-Soviet links, partly because only five Russians were expelled from London and three Britons from Moscow, and partly because the affair was managed by London so as to mimimize the damage. The five Russians were expelled without publicity.

The Russians made a point, however of warning the British Ambassador, that Moscow had an additional list of British diplomats and "certain other British representatives" who had violated "the rules of behaviour governing foreigners in the Soviet Union", adding that they too would be expelled if their alleged activities went on.

There are 43 British diplomats at the embassy, together with 32 ancillary staff. The community of British businessmen and journalists is small, with 14 accredited correspondents and 18 British companies represented.

The last British reporter to be expelled was Anthony Robinson of the *Financial Times*, in April 1983, in retaliation for the expulsion of several Soviet citizens from London. A British military attache was also ordered to leave at that time.

In previous incidents the Russians have usually refrained from expelling British businessmen, as they wish to avoid damage to trade. Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, is to head a trade mission by the Scottish Development and Industry Council next week.

Sir Bryan went to the Soviet Foreign Ministry yesterday to inform the authorities of the British move against the 25 Russians in London. A British embassy spokesman said this was a "parallel move", and declined to say whether Soviet retaliation was discussed. Sir Bryan met Mr Vladimir Suslov, head of the Ministry's second European department, who has dealt with several expulsion incidents in the past.

Moscow television made no mention of the expulsions in its evening news bulletin.

The thaw in Anglo-Soviet relations began with Mrs Thatcher's assertion in 1983 that Russia and the West had to "live on the same planet", and continued with her attendance at the funerals of Mr Andropov in February 1984 and of Mr Chernenko in March this year. Relations had been chilly since the expulsion of more than 100 Soviet officials in 1971 and suffered further, like other East-West links, after events in Afghanistan and Poland.

In July last year Sir Geoffrey Howe became the first British Foreign Secretary to hold substantial talks in Moscow since Dr David Owen in 1978, and even another "tit-for-tat" dispute after the expulsion from Britain of Arkady Gouk, a senior KGB agent, failed to upset the improvement.

In April this year *Pravda* said contacts were being "invigorated", and in July a visit by the Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee was followed by one by Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Minister of State at the Foreign Office. The only fly in the ointment until now has been the implied snub to Sir Iain Sutherland, the former British Ambassador, who left Moscow in June without being received by Mr Gromyko, then Foreign Minister.

Mr Gromyko's successor, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, has been invited to visit Britain, but this may now be in doubt.

The latest expulsions come as Russia and the United States are preparing for the summit between Mr Gorbachov and President Reagan in Geneva in November.

Thatcher 'aware for weeks' of events

By Philip Webster
Political Reporter

The Prime Minister was said last night to have been aware for weeks of the developments that led to the defection of Mr Oleg Gordievsky. She was pleased at the success of the British intelligence service represented by the unmasking of the 25 soviet spies.

The Cabinet, meeting for the first time since Mrs Thatcher's extensive reshuffle, was given news of Mr Gordievsky's defection yesterday morning.

It was said last night that Mrs Thatcher would regard tit-for-tat action by the Russians as totally unjustified, and that the behaviour of the spying Soviet diplomats and officials made the longer term improvement of relations more difficult.

Mr Gordievsky, who is married with two children, was reported to have defected for ideological reasons, that he wanted to live in a free society. But government sources refused to give any indication about his whereabouts or that of his family.

The other political parties reacted cautiously, saying that the development should not be allowed to impede progress to better relations between East and West.

Mr Denis Healey, shadow Foreign Secretary, however described the discovery of the spies as "a victory for British intelligence in the secret war".

Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democrats, said there should be "no crowing or extravagant language" and that the events should be played in a low-key way to limit repercussions.

Fiona Turner, aged 11, dancing with a band from the Birmingham Jazz Festival at a shopping centre near the Handsworth area yesterday (Photograph: John Voos).

Coroner appeals for help to find killers

From Craig Seton, Birmingham

A coroner yesterday issued an urgent appeal for the people of the riot area of Handsworth, Birmingham, to help police find the killers of two Asian brothers who died in their burning post office.

Dr Richard Whittington, the Birmingham coroner, said the deaths in Monday's arson attack of Kassamili Moledina, aged 38, the Lozells Road postmaster, and his brother Amirali, aged 44 – both married – was a matter of "grave concern", not only to the people of Birmingham but the whole country.

At the opening of the inquest into the deaths of the two men, he said: "I appeal to the public, to anyone who has any knowledge, however *trivial* it might seem, to contact the police. It is of paramount importance that people realize that this sort of behaviour cannot be tolerated and that people who behave in such a manner have to answer for it in the courts.

"I am sure that the overwhelming number of Handsworth citizens are law abiding and peaceful – it is only a few who caused this disaster in Birmingham."

Dr Whittington expressed his great admiration for the courage of firemen who had tackled the "devastating fires" in the face of hostile mbos, and thanked the police who had restored public order and made it possible for Handsworth people to return to their normal activities.

The inquest, which was adjourned, heard that the brothers had been unconscious or dead from carbon monoxide poisoning and asphyxia caused by fumes before the fire reached them as they huddled on the top floor of the post office.

A Birmingham fire officer said brothers had ignored his pleas to leave before petrol bombers struck because they claimed they were "protecting the Queen's property".

Divisional Officer Mike Dodsworth said yesterday that he had warned the brothers to get out but they insisted on staying to pull down the shutters of their store before it was attacked. The firemen said one of the brothers had shouted: "It is out duty to protect the premises".

Mr Dodsworth continued: "They seemed determined to do what they felt was their duty. They were brave men. They were terrified but refused to leave. By then the situation was getting worse. There were 10 fires in the immediate area and the police radioed to say they could not get in and could not guarantee our safety. To my regret we were ordered to withdraw. That was the last time I saw the men".

Mr Dodworth said the following morning he had led the search party which found the bodies of the two brothers on the top floor of the gutted post office.

Mr Les Sharp, the West Midlands deputy chief constable, yesterday "strongly refuted" a report, that police had left the policing of the riot zone to local Rastafarians after Monday's looting and arson. He vehemently denied that police "no go" areas had been agreed with local people.

He said: "Handsworth was policed by the police. We had a large police presence there – in fact there were more officers on duty on Wednesday night than there were on Monday night."

He agreed that a number of local people had "used their influence" to disperse the crowd, but said: "There are no 'no go' areas in the West Midlands."

West Midlands County Council said yesterday that it might be forced to mortgage its Birmingham headquarters to raise the estimated £5 million needed to pay compensation to Handsworth property owners who lost their stores and stock in Monday's arson and looting attacks.

County council leaders said they wanted an urgent meeting with government ministers to ask for cash aid. Mr Brian Smith, finance chairman, said: "The county council will not have a budget next year because it is being abolished and the new police joint board will be rate capped. If necessary we shall raise the money by mortgaging the county hall." The council said that under the terms of the Riot Damages Act, 1886, it would apply to the Home Secretary for government aid to meet the riot bill.

A man who took on a vigilante role during the disturbances was jailed for a month by Birmingham magistrates yesterday. He was Ian Barton, aged 27, of Handsworth, who pleaded guilty to carrying an offensive weapon, a hammer.

Mrs Prudence Wilcox, the magistrate, said the court would not tolerate violence in any form. "Armed vigilantes only make matters worse. The protection of the public demands that we impose an immediate prison sentence."

Twelve people were remanded in custody by magistrates after a riot in King's Norton, south Birmingham.

Black and Asian community leaders at a Birmingham meeting yesterday stood in silence in memory of the riot victims then passed a motion calling for the cases of people arrested to be reviewed sympathetically. Another motion calling for their immediate release was rejected.

The Soviet fronts in London

The main front organizations for Soviet agents in Britain are the Soviet consulate, the Intourist office, Soviet news agencis, and the Soviet Trade Mission in Highgate, north London according to an illuminating BBC interview with a Soviet intelligence defector earlier this year.

The defector, who used the pseudonym Viktor Suvorov and claimed to be a former major in the GRU, the military intelligence department, said he had defected to escape persecution by his spy-masters.

He said on Radio Four's *International Assignment* programme that there were between 30 and 40 GRU agents in London. He was unsure of KGB numbers, because the two organizations are wholly separate.

14-year period of action and counter action

There have been a number of expulsions from Britian in the past 14 years of Soviet officials suspected of spying and retaliatory action by the Soviet Union....

September 1971: Sir Alec Douglas-Home, then Foreign Secretary, orders the expulsion of 105 Russians; Moscow expels 18 British citizens.

August 1981: Second secretary at Soviet embassy sent home; expulsion of British embassy official.

February 1982: Soviet trade official is expelled.

December 1982: Soviet naval attache is expelled; expulsion of British naval attache.

January 1983: Soviet translator sent home.

April 1983: Expulsion of three Soviet embassy officials and one journalist; British diplomat and Britiish journalist are expelled.

September 1983: Soviet trade delegate sent home.

May 1984: Expulsion of Soviet diplomat; expulsion of British diplomat.

April 1985: Four Soviet diplomats and an Aeroflot official are expelled; Moscow expels three British diplomats.

My forecast fulfilled, Home says

By Staff Reporters

Lord Home of the Hirsel, who as Foreign Secretary expelled 105 Soviet officers in 1971, said yesterday:

"I said this would happen again in a speech in the Lords a couple of months ago, and so it was."

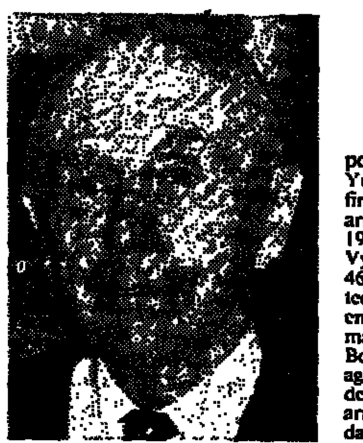
Lord Home, formerly Sir Alec Douglas-Hume said he was quite certain that Soviet representatives would go on spying in Britain.

"He added: "They are incurable in this respect. We just have to be alert and when it does happen again we must take some action."

The worst aspect of the spying which emerged yesteday was the use of the diplomatic cover, Lord Home said. Six of the officials ordered to leave Britain are Soviet embassy staff.

The former Prime Minister contrasted that with the events of 1971 which in the main concerned the Soviet trade mission.

"They had goodness knows how many people in the trade mission and it was quite evident they were using it to spy, aided and abetted by one or two embassy people," he said.



Lord Home of the Hirsel, who expelled 105 over spying.

Text of statement issued by embassy

By Staff Reporters

Police outside the Soviet embassy in Kensington Palace Gardens reported "less activity than usual", after the announcement that 25 officials were to be

The Foreign Office have requested a number of Soviet officials to leave Britain.

The Soviet Embassy would like to emphasize that this unwarranted action of unfriendly character is without any foundation whatsoever, especially as it is justified by the references to the allegations of a defector who has been granted, as it staff, are engaged in performing their duties to promote the development of bilateral relations. All accusations or insinuations as to the alleged illegal activities of the Soviet representatives have nothing to do with reality.

The Embassy most strongly protests against this provocative measure and emphasizes that this consequences of this provocative action fully and entirelay rests with the British side.

The initial reaction at midday at the Soviet trade mission, a lavish building set in its own leafy grounds in Highgate, where it is thought seven of those expelled were based, was one of surprise.

A grey-suited official told of the news at the gate expressed astonishment and asked for further details, before walking briskly inside the building. Minutes later he returned and said: "I very much regret my superiors have nothing to say on the matter".

Throughout the afternoon Soviet officials arrived at the mission. A few turned away and they saw the press, others hooted and flashed their lights to hasten the opening of the gates. Asked about the expulsions they either shrugged their shoulders or feigned surprise.

At the Internatinl Cocoa Organization, Mr Yuriy Roxhkov, aged 37, was translating papers from English into Russian as usual when officials told him that the Foreign Office was expelling him.

"He looked surprised. He wanted to know the reason," a member of the staff said. "We said we did not know, it had nothing to do with us. So he asked for permission to go and talk to his embassy".

Several of the non-diplomatic personnel were on holiday in the Soviet Union when the news broke – according to their organisations, and no one knew whether they would return to collect their belongings.

Three first secretaries among officials to go

The 25 Soviet officials expelled yesterday are:

Yuri Vasilyevich Yezhov, aged 48, first secretary at the Soviet embassy; arrived in Britain December 17, 1982; married;

Vyacheslav Iyanovich Kalitin, aged 46, first secretary science and technical department at the Soviet embassy; arrived June 22, 1985; married, one son, one daughter;

Boris Aleksandrovich Korchagin, aged 45, first secretary cultural department at the Soviet embassy, arrived April 27, 1985, married, two daughters;

Valeriy Grigoryevich Tokar, aged 40, second secretary Soviet consulate, arrived September 30, 1983, married, one son, one daughter;

Anatoly Nikolyevich Meretikov, aged 34, third secretary Soviet consulate, arrived January 14, 1985, married, one son, one daughter;

Dmitriy Mikhaylovich Vasileyv, aged 39, attaché technical and maintenance department, Soviet embassy; arrived February 15, 1985; married, one son, one daughter.

All te rest are non-diplomats:

Aleksandr Timofeyevich Gorelov, aged 34, driver, Soviet embassy; arrived January 17, 1983; married, one son:

Vyacheslav Dmitrieyevich Mishustin, aged 35, security guard Soviet embassy, arrived September 6, 1982, married, one daughter;

Igor Fedorovich Khomutov, aged 38, technical and maintenance department, Soviet embassy; arrived July 1, 1985; married, one son;

Yuriy Pavlovich Komov, aged 36, trade representative Mezhdounarodnaya Kniga, Soviet trade delegation; arrived August 6, 1984, married, two sons;

Oleg Pavlovich Krasakov, aged 37, trade representative Avtopromimport department, Soviet trade delegation: arrived April 20, 1984; married, one son, one daughter:

Viktor Orestovich Logush, aged 38, trade representative Elektronorytchnika Aviaexport department, Soviet trade delegation: arrived January 23, 1985; married, one son, one daughter;

Vladimir Ivanovich Lyubenko, aged 37, trade representative Avtoexport Traktoroexport Zapchastexport, soviet trade delegation; arrived March 12, 1982; married, two daughters.

Eduard Viktorovich Perepelkin, aged 36, trade representative import machinery department, Soviet trade delegation, arrived January 8, 1982; married one son;

Valeriy Vasilyevich Prokopchik, aged 43, trade representative export machinery department, Soviet trade delegation; arrived September 15, 1981; married, one son;

Viktor Viktorovich Timofeyev, aged 40, trade representative, Sudoimport department, Soviet trade delegation; arrived March 2, 1984; married, one son, one daughter;

Valeriy Pavlovich Ipatov, aged 36, Moscow Narodny Bank, arrived October 20, 1983; married;

Valeriy Aleksandrovich Kotov, aged 39, deputy managing director, Razno, arrived February 22, 1981; married, one son;

Mikhail Yuryevich Boghdanov, aged 43, correspondent *Socialist Industry*, arrived September 10, 1980; married, one daughter;

Aleksandr Anatolyevich Kodintsev, aged 30, correspondent, Novosti, arrived June 1, 1985; married, one daughter;

Yuriy Aleksandrovich Kudimov, aged 32, correspondent *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, arrived December 19, 1983; married, one son, one daughter;

Viktor Ivanovich Muzaley, aged 38, correspondent Tass, arrived June 27, 1982; married, one daughter;

Sergey Ivanovich Sayenko, aged 34, correspondent Radio Moscow, arrived June 18, 1984; married, one daughter;

Yuri Pavlovich Rozhkov, aged 37, translator, International Cocoa Organization, arrived February 2, 1985; married, two daughters;

Mikhail Dmitriyevich Savvateyev, aged 33, translator, International Wheat Council, arrived June 18, 1984; married, one daughter.

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the embassy in Kensington. As head of the station he had control of the KGB staff and operations convering both overt collection of information and the running of at least some agents.

His career indicates that he has experience of organizing spy networks in Scandinavia. Yesterday the Foreign Office ventured the fact that he had organized "illegals" for the KGB for 10 years.

"Illegals" is the term given to agents introduced into a country as illegal entrants to establish themselves under a suitable cover as spies. One result of Mr Gordievsky's defection could be the revelation for Scandinavian security services of networks within their countries.

But a proportion of Mr Gordievsky's work will have been concerned with keeping the KGB information-gathering machinery well-oiled and operating in Britain. One former counter-espionage officer said yesterday: "They collect like magpies. What the regard as intelligence we would regard as information." Technical and trade journals are constantly scoured and contacts carefully cultivated.

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Labour split looms as NUM stands firm

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Hopes of a compromise emerging to avoid a split at next month's Labour Party conference over re-imbursement of £1 million legal costs to the National Union of Mineworkers were dealt a blow yesterday by Mr Arthur Scargill, the union president.

Mr Scargill indicated that he would not be amenable to moves being made by senior officials of both wings of the labour movement to water down the miners' motion to the conference which is opposed by Mr Neil Kinnock, the party leader.

The miners' president said that the NUM had already softened the motion by withdrawing a demand for an amnesty for all union members in jail and argued that there were many meople in the movement who were seeking to stiffen the party's positions on the NUM's financial and legal difficulties.

In a separate development at yesterday's NUM executive meeting in Sheffield, it was confirmed that the union will return to the High Court on October 3 to seek a lifting of receivership and sequestration orders on £7 million of its funds seized during the pit strike. The union has also ordered a fresh ballot for a forthcoming vacancy on the executive.

The ballot will be held in line with the provisions of last year's Trade Union Act.

Mr Scargill said it was "regrettable" that Mr John Walsh, the moderate candidate in the election in Yorkshire for an area representative on the national executive, had gone to the High Court to get the original branch ballot halted. The new individual vote will cost the Yorkshire area around £20,000, money which the area says it has not got.

The impending dispute over the miners' motion to the Labour Party is the subject of intense behind the scenes lobbying by senior union leaders anxious to aviod Mr Kinnock being embarrassed by the Bournemouth conference passing the motion. The motion calls on a future Labour government to legislate to return to the NUM all money "confiscated" by the courts during the 12 months pits strike. It also calls for a review of cases of jailed miners, aguarantee that those dismissed for action during the strike will be reinstated and legislation to compensate the NUM for fines and costs extracted by the courts.

Rates councillors look to Kinnock

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent

Mr Ted Knight, leader of Lambeth Council in south London, has demanded a pledge from Mr Neil Kinnock, the Opposition leader, that the next Labour Government will repay surcharges imposed on rebel councillors this year.

Mr Knight has received a bill for almost £4,000 as the first instalment of a penalty for "wilful misconduct" in defying the Government's spending squeeze on inner city councils.

The demand addressed to Mr Kinnock is to appear in a long editorial on the front page of today's *Labour Herald*, of which Mr Knight is a joint editor. The others are Mr Matthew Warburton, another Lambeth councillor facing surcharge, and Mr John McDonnell, who lost his position as deputy leader of the Greater London Council last spring

Mr Knight wants the Labour Party conference to pass an emergency motion committing a future Labour Government to cancelling cash penalties and bans from office imposed on councillors under the present Government. Already 81 councillors have been sent surcharge bills and more are expected to receive them next year.

Mr Knight believes that overwhelming support for such a motion at the party conference at the end of the month wuld "ensure insertion in Labour's general election manifesto". The Labour Government led by Mr Harold Wilson, now Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, failed to cancel the surcharges and bans from office inposed on Labour councillors in Clay Cross, Derbyshire, who defied Conservative housing laws.

● As the propaganda banners praising the work of Edinburgh District Council went up again along Princes Street in the city centre yesterday, members of the National and Local Government officers' Association served notice on council leaders that council staff would not submit to political dogma and that Nalgo would not allow a Liverpool scenario to develop in Edinburgh (Ronald Faux writes).

Mr Adam Montgomery, secretary of Nalgo in Edinburgh, said in a statement that industrial relations between the union and the council had reached an all-time low.

"We are faced with a Labour group gripped by a narrow-minded political mentality which betrays the tremendous support given by Nalgo members in the budget struggle," the statement said.

British computer keyboards to aid Chinese typing

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

A small Derbyshire company has won a £1 million contract to supply 500 novel computer terminals to the Chinese, who will be able to use them with their own language.

The system, developed by Datapath, of Melbourne, near Derby, in partnership with the London company Sindex, allows the Chinese operator to use an ordinary keyboard, employing the Pinyin system of writing Chinese in roman characters. Responding to those words the computer searches for the appropriate Chinese characters from its bank of 12,000.

It is thus possible to type as quickly in Chinese as in Western alphabetical languages. That should help to remove the barrier to Chinese automation hitherto posed by the large number of characters in Chinese. Pinyin is widely taught in Chinese schools.

Datapath hopes that the order, which will go to Hong Kong then on to mainland China, will be the first of many.

Terror charges dropped against women

Charges against three women of withholding information about terrorism were dropped yesterday when they appeared at Lambeth Magistrates' Court in London.

Earlier Patrick Magee, the Belfast man accused of planting the Brighton bomb and murdering the five people who died, was remanded in custody for a further week with seven others accused of terrorist offences. Mr Magee is also accused of conspiracy to cause explosions this year and of an explosives offence in 1979.

The three women had been on bail for two months accused of withholding information under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

Mr David Kirk, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said he was applying for the charges against Eileen McShane, aged 29, and Frances Boyle, aged 55, to be withdrawn because of "lack of jurisdiction", in London.

He offered no evidence against Una Lowney, aged 21, who was discharged.

Mr Kirk said that the procurator fiscal in Glasgow was considering the cases against Miss McShane and Mrs Boyle.

He said that Mrs Boyle and Miss McShne would not be "immediately rearrested and taken to Scotland. As far as Lowney is concerned that is an end to the matter."

Mr George Bathurst-Norman the magistrate, agreed to withdraw charges and said all cash deposits paid by sureties for the women would be refunded.

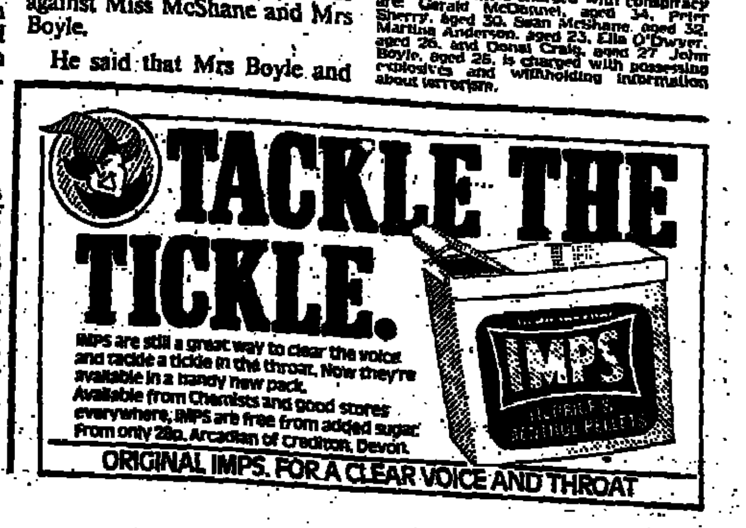
The eight defendants remanded in custody arrived at the court amid tight security. Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

The six others charged with conspiracy are: Gerald McDonnel, aged 34, Peter Sherry, aged 30, Sean McShane, aged 32, Martina Anderson, aged 23, Ella O'Dwyer, aged 26, and Donal Craig, aged 27. John Boyle, aged 28, is charged with possessing explosives and withholding information about terrorism.

Gunshot wound killed youth

A youth whose body was found in a church had died of gunshot wounds to the head, an inquest at High Wycombe was told yesterday.

The body of Paul Lambert aged 19, of Weedon Close, Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire, was discovered at the rear of Seer Green church, near High Wycombe, on September 6. The hearing was adjourned for 28 days.



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Families spend £5bn on home electronics in leisure time boom

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

The British spend two thirds of their leisure time, about 33 hours a week, using home electronic gadgets for entertainment and spend more than £5 billion each year for the privilege, more than is spent on holidays both at home and abroad.

The details are disclosed in a report by the Economist Intelligence Unit published yesterday. The study shows that the home is increasingly becoming the venue for family entertainment with television, radio, video, computers and disc players playing a significant role. The substantial sales of home computers has encouraged the purchase of second television sets as has the price reductions on most television models.

The researchers conclude: "As a form of entertainment, home electronics is most akin to other passive activities, such as visiting the cinema or the theatre, or watching sport. But home electronics is a much larger market than these and it is also growing while they are declining in real terms and, to a great extent, home entertainment is replacing passive activities outside the home."

The report compares the boom in the home entertainment market to the declining cinema audiences and the heavy concentration of the theatre in London's West End, which is increasingly becoming a tourist attraction. Also while many sports crowds are dwindling the interest in television-related or patronized sport is on the increase. This is another significant factor in the growth of the home entertainment sector.

The report says: "Sports attendances are static or in decline for the traditional sectors but there are buoyant areas in this wide classification linked to fashion and television coverage: golf, horse-jumping, snooker."

As a consequence the British spend 33 hours on average using their home electronic equipment – five times more than they spend on gardening, the nearest spare time rival for spare time, the report says.

The entire profile of what type of electronics is in the home and the products being purchased has changed in the past four years; the study highlights the growth in home computers; the remarkable expansion of the British video recorder market and the decline in the television rental market. The latter is under assault from the manufacturers of inexpensive and reliable sets. Renting in the long term appears to make little sense to many British viewers.

The change in profile has meant that the British consumer spends two thirds more on home electronics than four years ago. The sales of second television sets, now in 42 per cent of households, and home computers which are in a quarter of homes, account for a substantial proportion of that growth. Other factors are the popularity of audio-video recorders and personal stereo equipment.

The television however is still the most important feature in the home of the 1980's and is being used to display computer programs, watch video films and live television broadcasts. The report highlights its importance.

It says: "Television receiver household penetration in the UK has now reached 98 per cent. This means that virtually all households in the UK have at least one television receiver. However, a variety of factors have combined to ensure that the television receiver market overall remains growing and dynamic.

Early morning television and Channel Four have contributed their part to encouraging the purchase of second television sets or different models, the study says.

It emphasizes that the increased status given to television in the home and how that has accounted for the phenomenal growth.

The researchers conclude: "The rise of information services, the home computer, the video cassette recorder, cable television and (to a very limited and experimental degree) home interactive services such as home banking, have resulted in greater demands being made on screen time than has been the case before.

Home Electronics, the UK market (Economic Intelligence Unit, 40 Duke Street, London W1A 1DW £120)

Consumer Spending on Entertainment, 1984
£m

Outside the home	
Drinking in pubs, wine bars	8,688
Eating out	4,500
Holidays in Britain and abroad	4,000
Gambling	1,730
Theatre, sports admissions	1,100
Photographic goods	700
In-car entertainment	260
Sports equipment	200
Cinema	110
Total outside the home	21,200
Home electronics	
TV purchase	500
TV rental	1,500
Video recorders purchase	500
Video recorders rental	360
Audio equipment	860
Home computers	245
Records, tapes	550
Video tapes	600
Home computer software	110
Total home electronics	5,275
Other in-home	
Beer, wine, spirits at home	5,200
Books, newspapers, magazines	2,810
Gardening	660
Toys, games	630
Arts, crafts, knitting	270
Total other in-home	9,570
Overall total	36,045

Source: *Retail Business* estimates based on Family Expenditure Survey and other sources.

Household Penetration of Home Electronics, 1980 and 1984
years; % of households owning

	Approximate no. of years in general distribution	1980	1984
Record playing equipment	90	83	84
Radio	60	97	97
Television			
All	35	97	98
Colour	25	71	84
Second set	15*	19	42
Cassette playing equipment	10	73	83
Video cassette recorder	10	1	35
Home computer	5	1	23

* Since becoming significant
Source: *Retail Business* estimates based on trade and other sources.

Consumer Spending on 'Passive' Entertainment

	1980	1984	% change
Home electronics	3,200	5,272	64
Cinema	130	110	–5
Theatre, sports admissions	1,000	1,100	10

Source: *Retail Business* estimates based on Family Expenditure Survey and other sources.

Annual Disposals of New TV Receivers by Method of Acquisition

	% of total		
	1976	1980	1984
Colour			
Retail	46	48	62
Rental	54	52	38
Monochrome			
Retail	85	92	95
Rental	15	8	5

Source: W Greenwall and Co, and industry estimates.

Tourists' spending up by 28%

Tourism is Britain's biggest growth industry, with 15 million visitors expected to spend £6 billion this year Mr Duncan Bluck, chairman of the British Tourist Authority, said yesterday.

Overseas visitors spent 28 per cent more in the first six months of this year than last, "the biggest growth ever recorded in the industry," Mr Bluck said, presenting the authority's annual report.

"If properly supported the industry could create jobs at a rate of 50,000 per annum", Mr Bluck said.

The authority welcomed the Cabinet reshuffle in which responsibility for tourism was transferred from the Department of Trade and Industry to the Department of Employment. "It is a strong indication that the Government recognizes the industry as a major creator of jobs."

Caribbean gets trade boost

By John Young

A drive to popularize Caribbean and central American produce in Britain and the rest of the EEC was launched yesterday at an exhibition at the United States embassy in London.

Among products considered to have good export prospects are tropical fruits and fruit products, vegetables, coffee, chocolate, spices, rum, liqueurs and cigars.

Archbishop's son to wed divorcee

Mr James Runcie, the Archbishop of Canterbury's son, is to marry Mrs Marilyn Imrie later this autumn, a spokesman at Lambeth Palace said yesterday (Our Religious Affairs Correspondent writes).

The marriage is to be in Scotland at a time and place the couple wish to keep private. Dr Robert Runcie will hold a service of blessing in Lambeth Palace chapel.

Mrs Imrie has a daughter Rosie, aged seven, by a previous marriage. The marriage will be in a register office as it is not Church of England policy to encourage second marriages in church, although subsequent services of blessing are authorized.

Lambeth Palace was unable to say whether Dr and Mrs Runcie, who are touring North America, would attend the marriage ceremony. But they have met Mr Runcie's fiancée.

The archbishop has consistently urged the church of England to take a sympathetic view of second marriages.

Cold virus discovery 'a watershed'

A discovery by scientists will help in the design of treatments for the common cold and other diseases caused by closely related viruses.

Polio, hepatitis A, Thyler's virus, *a suspected cause of* multiple sclerosis, and infantile diabetes are among those that could be affected.

This follows the mapping and analysis in minute atomic detail, for the first time, of the full three-dimensional structure of the rhinovirus, the cause of the common cold. The findings are contained in the current issue of *Nature* magazine.

The atomic geography of this near-spherical virus reveals a deep cleft which, like a molecular jaw, it takes hold of its host.

"It is a watershed in the understanding of virus diseases", the leader of the American group that made these discoveries, Dr Michael Rossmann of Purdue University, Indiana, told *The Times*. "Whatever we find for the common cold is obviously going to be applicable to the whole range of picornaviruses" (the class to which rhinoviruses belongs), he said.

For example, the "cleft" or "jaw" of the virus was designed specifically to attach on to the cells it attacked like a lock fitted a key. Genetic engineering could change the lock so that it *required a different key*.

Then the modified virus could be altered so that it would attach to some harmless place in the body, where it would act as a stimulus to the immune system, like a vaccine," Dr Rossmann said.

Opposition to TV schedules licence

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The BBC and ITV have said they are unwilling to make changes towards a licensing system to allow detailed television sections in newspapers and magazines.

The Department of Trade and Industry is expected to exert informal pressure on ITV and the BBC for a relaxation on the release of programme information, but officials say that they have no formal powers to force through the changes.

The BBC and ITV have argued that a free-for-all in programme information would be against the consumer's interest as it could lead to the demise of *Radio Times* and *TV Times*.

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission decided this week to uphold the copywright grip of the two titles on programme listings.

The licensing system was suggested by the Office of Air Traiding. Under it, independent publishers would pay a set fee for programme *details* and then be legally intitled to produce alternative television guides.

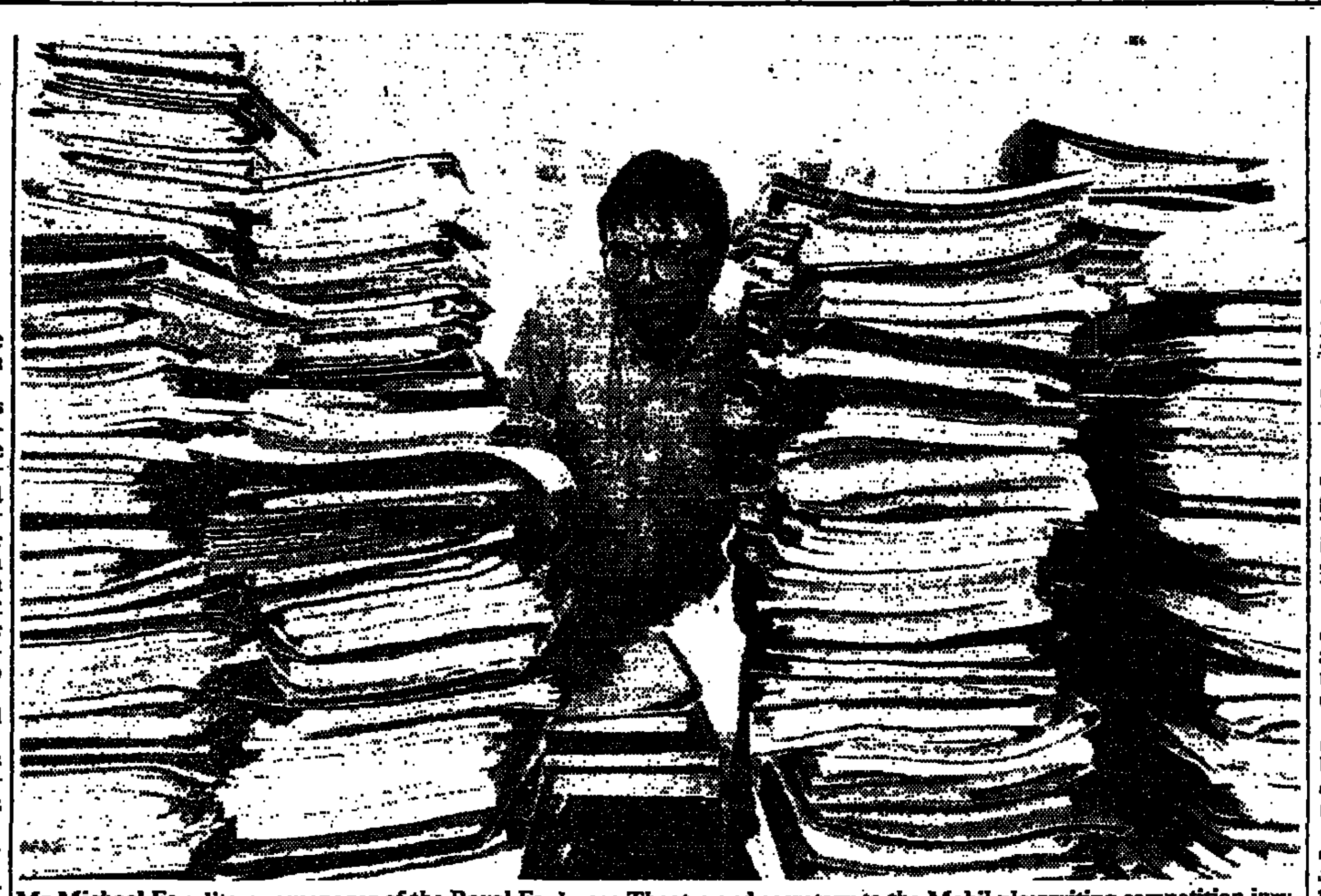
Such a system operates in New Zealand with the levy tied to circulation figures. Football pools companies in Britain also pay a fee for using the copyright fixtures

The monopolies commission's ruling, which was taken on the chairman's casting vote, and surprised most of the parties involved, means that the BBC and ITV will continue to pursue legal actions against any publication which attempt to offer their readers a detailed service of programme listings.

The monopoly is thought to be unique in international television and was found to be anti-competitive by the OFT. The monoploies commission decided that it was not against the public interest because it was not sure of what the results might be if it were broken.

At the present anyone seeking extensive details of programme schedules a week in advance, a need most keenly felt by owners of video recorders, must by *Radio Times* and *TV Times*.

Newspapers are restricted by the television networks over the programme listings they may carry. It was only after a legal battle with the magazine *Time Out* that the restrictions were relaxed slightly to allow weekly newspapers to preview not more than 30 BBC programmes a week and three programmes a day for ITV and Channel Four. Daily newspapers may carry details of one day's programmes only.



Mr Michael Fox, literary manager of the Royal Exchange Theatre and secretary to the Mobil playwriting competition jury, in Manchester yesterday with some of the 2,000 scripts from all over the world (Photograph: Mike Aran).

Workhorse Viscounts to fly on

Britain's most successful airliner, the Vickers Viscount, looks set to fly on into the next century - thanks to refurbishment planned by British Aerospace.

The old workhorse, the world's first turbo-prop airliner, Britain's best-seller with 440 sold, mainstay of British European Airways in the 1960s, is getting a new lease of life on British domestic and Third World routes where passenger loads and second-hand prices are climbing.

When it came out in 1950, the Viscount was given a 30-year life which Vicker's successors, British Aerospace, plan to extend to 45 years.

Hopes of memory drug for aged

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

A drug to restore memory and help the elderly keep their *independence* could be available in about 10 years, a leading researcher announced yesterday.

Dr Leslie Iversen, said development of the drug, a treatement for senile dementia, is the biggest single challenge facing the pharmaceutical industry.

Advances in understanding the chemistry of the brain had led scientists to believe they could replace the chemical, acetyl choline, which when missing is a cause of memory loss, Dr Iversen said.

The social implications of such a drug were immense. It might mean that large numbers of senile dementia sufferers *would be able to cope with the* condition without having to enter geriatric hospitals

Dr Iversen, director of the neuro-sciences centre of Merck, Sharp and Dohme, the drug company said every big pharmaceutical firm in the world was trying to develop the drug.

"We are optimistic about the prospects of this drug being available within the next decade," he said.

Dr Iversen was speaking at a London news conference held by the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry

Britain is accused on wildlife

Britain is accused in a report published yesterday of failing to *implement its obligations under* the Bern Convention on the conservation of european wildlife and natural habitats.

The report by Wildlife Link, the environmental umbrella group, says many rare creatures, including the otter, the merlin, the corncrake, the great crested newt and the smooth snake, are continuing to decline.

Part of the difficulty is that most of their habitats are outside relatively small protected nature areas.

European Wildlife Convention; Report on the Problems in the UK.
Wildlife Link, 45 Shelton Street, London WC2H 9HJ.

Top football clubs told to bring in card scheme

Senior football clubs were told by the Football League yesterday to introduce membership card schemes.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher had demanded action in the wake of last season's crowd violence at Brusses, Luton and Chelsea.

All first and second division clubs must allocate half their ground capacity to card holders. "The membership cards will be implemented bythe clubs as soon as possible," Mr Andy Williamson said in London.

Several clubs are expected to oppose the plan, put forward by a working party and accepted by the league's management committee.

The league, however, plans to make the dissenters fall into line by amending the rule book at an extraordinary annual general meeting.

Clubs refusing to accept the card scheme will face disciplinary action, Mr Graham Kelly, the league secretary, said last night. Mr Kelly added: "It is an important element in our partnership with the football association. We must reassure people that we do take the situation very seriously. Time is short and we intend making urgent and effective improvements in crowd control."

Mr Ted Croker the Football Association Secretary, backed the management committee plan as realistic. He said yesterday: "*We fully support the* move it take clubs along the road we originally suggested.

The Government's original idea for a national, computerized identity card scheme did not take into account the practica problems involved. The cost alone would have been enormous and there was no indication it would have had any effect on the overall problem."

Today's announcement appears to be a compromise. Mrs Margaret Thatcher had demanded a national scheme for all 92 clubs, with admission restricted to members only.

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Vaccine could wipe out rabies

Rabies, which was out of control throughout most of the world and killed up to 100,000 people a year, could be eliminated by a newly-developed vaccine, it was claimed yesterday.

A vaccine pioneered in Switzerland and given to wild foxes in baited food had succeeded in protecting large areas of that country and was now being used with equal success in West Germany, Mr Tony Crowley, formerly government veterinary surgeon in charge of the rabies policy, said.

He told the British Veterinary Association annual congress in Exeter, Devon, that the vaccine was now being used on an experimental basis in Italy, the United States and Canada. At present it was possible only to feed foxes, the main rabies carriers, with live vaccine.

"But if the technique can be made safe by using killed vaccine we will have in our hands a powerful and effective tool for the control, and perhaps the elimination, of wildlife rabies in the years to come," he said.

In the past 10 years rabies had continued its advance throughout the world and in the East was almost unchecked.

Mr Crowley said that in 1984 there had been 29 cases of rabies in humans in Europe. "Britain has been free of the disease for 63 years except for two single outbreaks in 1969 and 1970 in imported dogs. There have been 15 cases of human rabies in the UK since 1945, all contracted abroad and mostly in India.

Research tensions

Opening the congress, Princess Anne spoke of the present tensions between animal suffering because of research and the benefits to man that such research could bring.

"A very difficult line has to be drawn between suffering in the interests of man and suffering for the benefit of man," she said. "It is a subject which is virtually impossible to debate and no doubt even mentioning it will get me into trouble.

"There must be a balance between the extremes of violence we have seen in the papers and at the other end of the scale pehaps the over-use of animals in research."

Princess Anne, who is an honorary associate member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, said that the profession, which had a very high reputation, must face up to the challenge of those paradoxes.

Quantity challenge

Mr David Lloyd, chairman of the National Farmers' Union animal health committee, said that farmers and veterinery surgeons must work together to assure consumers that the food they eat was safe and free from veterinary drugs and residues.

"We must accept there is a growing consumer interest in the quality of food. The consumer is our customer and unless we can reassure him, or her, about the purity, quality and safety of our product, our market will suffer," he said.

Yangtze frigate hero dies

By Alan Hamilton

Commander John Kerans, who 36 years ago achieved heroic status for guiding his frigate HMS Amethyst down the Yangtze river from a communist blockade, died on Wednesday in hospital at Oxted, Surrey, aged 70.

Irish-born Commander Kerans was an assistant naval attaché at the British embassy in Nanking, where the Amethyst was going on a regular replenishment run, when she was caught up in the Chinese civil war and was fired on by a communist shore battery which killed 17 of her crew including the commanding officer.

Crippled 140 miles from the open sea, Amethyst had no choice but to drop anchor and stay there. Conditions on board deteriorated badly, but the Chinese allowed food on board, and on one such delivery Commander Kerans was allowed to board the ship as her new commanding officer.

Negotiations between the British and the Chinese for the ship's release dragged on interminably, until Commander Kerans resolved to make his escape. His decision, he said afterwards, was based on the communists' refusal to give him any fuel, and his growing conviction that they had no intention of releasing the vessel.

On the night of July 30, 1949, having first greased and padded the anchor chain to avoid noise, Commander Kerans slipped his moorings directly under the noses of the communist gunners, turned 180 degrees, and headed downstream. He had only a few minutes' grace before the gunners woke up to what was afoot, but although the ship was hit a number of times there were no casualties.

He sailed the 140 miles to the open sea under cover of darkness, a considerable feat of navigaion because of the river's notorious shoals and sandbanks. When the Amethyst reached open sea the following day to be met by HMS Concord, her commander sent the now-famous signal: "Have rejoined the fleet south of Woosung. No damage or casualties. God save the King".

King George VI replied with a signal of warm congratulation, and when Amethyst returned to her home port of Devonport, the ship's company paraded through the streets of Plymouth to a heroes' welcome. Commander Kerans was awarded the DSO.

Top left: Commander Kerans, on the voyage home from the Yangtze, greeted at Malta by Admiral Sir Arthur Power, Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Fleet. Top right: The wounded welcoming their shipmates home. Above: The Amethyst arriving at Devonport.

The incident captured public imagination, and received a much wider audience in the film *The Yangtze Incident*, starring Richard Todd.

Commander Kerans went on to have a brief political career as Conservative MP for Hartlepool.

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Forty-mile strip of Mozambique held by Mugabe's troops

From Jan Raath, Harare

A good 17 per cent of Zimbabwe's army and air force have for the time being turned a widening corridor through central Mozambiqiue into an extra Zimbabwean province.

In the centre of the corridor, running for about 125 miles from the city of Mutare in eastern Zimbabwe to the Mozambican port of Beira, lies the narrow gauge pipeline which carries all of Zimbabwe's petrol and diesel needs, and an indispensable railway line.

A contingent of three battalions (about 2,000 men) has been stationed there for the last 18 months, protecting the two links from sabotage by the Mozambique National Resistance, the amorphous guerrilla movement fighting against the Government of president Machel.

In early July, as soon as troops could be released from standing by during Zimbabwe's national elections, Brigadier Agnew Kambeu, the officer commanding the new "province", set up headquarters at an airfield, next to the small town of Chimoio, near the border.

Military sources estimate that 7,000 Zimbabwean men are now stationed in Mozambique. They have conducted at least two major offensives against MNR guerrillas. The local Mozambique press has reported that "hundreds" of guerrillas have been killed, but sources involved in the operation told *The Times* that the Zimbabweans had killed 45 for the loss of four men.

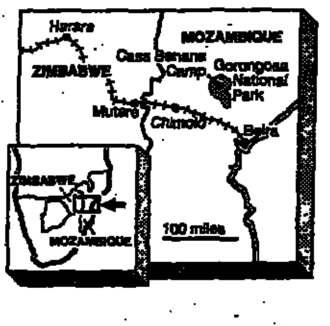
In the first, the MNR's national operational command base, situated in the Gorongosa National Park about 60 miles north-west of Beira and 30 miles north of the railway line, was taken.

The second operation, still continuing this week, is said to involve a series of sweeps against lesser camps in the game reserve and surrounds.

The general offensive which is to secure a cordon roughly extending about 40 miles on either side of the railway line. It is the first combat test for the young Zimbabwean Army, stripped by large scale resignations of its white officers, in any major offensive.

The almost complete lack of roads in the area – apart from a poorly maintained highway running close to the railway line – has forced the Zimbabweans to restrict themselves to strikes by Hawk jets, followed by assaults and sweeps by helicopter-borne troops and, in rare cases, paratroop drops from transport planes.

The air force has deployed eight helicopters in the offensive, four of them capable of carrying 16 men, while the others are gunships. Three of the helicopters have been damaged in battle, but not irreparably, the sources said.



The guerrillas, faced with small numbers of troops incapable of hemming them in by a large pincer movement, have been able to disperse rapidly into the bush and regroup at other camps.

The Zimbabweans are also up against limited intelligence on their enemy and have received little assistance from Mozambican troops, who are poorly paid, badly rationed, and suffering from extremely low morale.

The sources said Zimbabwean officers were delighted when on August 28 they took the MNR headquarters, known as Casa Banana, and discovered highly detailed maps of the area, far superior to anything supplied by the Mozambicans.

Guerrillas admit base overrun

Lisbon – Señor Jorge Correia, the MNR European spokesman, has admitted here that Casa Banana has been overrun (Martha de la Cal writes). He claimed that the MNR had made "a strategical retreat to regroup and start again elsewhere". He claimed two Mozambican MiGs had been shot down with Sam 7 missiles, and nearly 500 soldiers of the combined Mozambique and Zimbabwe forces had been killed.

The capture of Casa Banana is likely to have a severe but not devastating efect on the MNR. The base has been reported to have maintained 1,000 men, and equipment left behind was indicative of a relatively sophisticated infrastructure.

It was all but deserted when the Zimbabweans captured it, and they found typewriters, duplicating machinery, power generators, Plessey radios, filing cabinets, safes and vehicles.

The sources of supplies still remain unclear. The Mozambican press has constantly accused the South African Defence Force of resupplying the MNR, but Zimbabwean intelligence sources said they believed it more likely that the Comoro Islands in the Indian Ocean, about 700 miles north-east of Beira, is being used, at least as a transit point. The sources said there was little conclusive proof of recent South African involvement.

The government of the Comoros has long been linked with right-wing Portuguese organizations sympathetic to the MNR.

The importance of Beira as an alternative trade route for Zimbabwe and several other southern African frontline states has become of great significance in recent months. Business leaders in Harare are fearful not only of the threat of sanctions by South Africa, whose transport system carries up to 85 per cent of Zimbabwe's foreign trade, but also of unrest in South Africa, reaching levels where it renders the South African route unreliable.

Public's confusion on pollution deplored

A better public understanding of science was vital for future environmental policies, Dr Martin Holdgate, chief scientist in the Department of the Environment, said yesterday.

Opening a debate on the environmental challenge at the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry congress in Manchester, Dr Holdgate said that the perceptions of the public about pollution were distorted by ill-informed pressure groups, need in the media for short reports, and the reluctance of scientists to disclose facts.

Public spending on pollution control, which in 1977 in Britain cost £2,400 million, about 3 per cent of the gross domestic product, was likely to increase if an ignorant public, led astray by the media, continued to put pressure on the government.

At the same time, public opinion however badly informed could not be ignored. A recent opinion poll conducted by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development showed that 62 per cent of Americans and 59 per cent of Europeans rated environmental protection higher than economic growth.

It was the scientists who was responsible for advising government ministers on future policies and informing the public, but in pollution control, important information on permitted levels and discharges of pollutants was not being disclosed.

"With the growth of public awareness, concern and mistrust of experts, this situation is no longer acceptable. The community wants to be able to check for itself on the validity of decisions taken on its behalf.

"An effort to communicate to the larger public is essential if intelligent people are going to get full access to the facts in a fashion impossible in short newspaper articles."

"Unless there is a better information flow, the gap between the two cultures will remain wide and socially damaging."

The improvement of understanding could happen only if scientists were willing to publish more facts in an understanding form, and to reassure the public that potential hazards were being monitored responsibly

Prince to start a dairy herd

The first royal dairy herd for more than 20 years is to be established by the Prince of Wales at his Highgrove estate in Gloucestershire.

The Prince recently acquired the neighbouring Broadfield Farm at Tetbury, complete with its 540,000-litre EEC milk quota, so that he could go into dairy farming.

Many other producers are leaving the industry because of EEC restrictions on production, but the Prince has decided to establish a herd of Ayrshires which will be managed alongside the mainly arable Highgrove estate.

Mr Terry Summers, farms manager for the Duchy of Cornwall, said that the plan was to run a herd of about 100 autumn calvers plus replacements. Yields of up to 6,000 litres a cow were the target.

'Freedom' Bill to fight secret files

By Martin Fletcher

A campaign to give individuals the statutory right of access to personal files was launched by the Freedom of Information Campaign yesterday, less than a month after their disclosure that errors in secret BBC personnel files had led to journalists being refused employment.

The centrepiece of the campaign is a Bill to be introduced in the Commons on October 29 by Mr Archy Kirkwood, Liberal MP for Roxburgh and Berwickshire, under the 10-minute rule.

The Bill would enable individuals to discover whether they are the subject of medical, educational, housing, social work, fostering, care, parole or probation records. It would also allow them to acquire copies of files, subject to safeguards, to have inaccuracies corrected, to be compensated for distress or damage that had been caused by inaccuracies, and to appeal to a court if an authority fails to comply with the Bill's requirements.

The Bill is to be promoted in Parliament by an all-party group consisting of Lord Hooson, Liberal, who will introduce it in the Lords at the beginning of next session, Lady Ewart Biggs (Labour), Lady Hooper (Conservative), and Mr Steven Norris, Conservative MP for Oxford East, and Mr Chris Smith, Labour MP for Islington South and Finsbury.

The group believes that it will be able to persuade an MP high in the autumn ballot for private members' Bills to adopt it. Thereafter, Mr Des Wilson, chairman of the Campaign for Freedom of Information, said: "We are very, very confident of success as we can conceive of no reason why the Government should oppose this measure."

The principle of access has already been conceded in the Data Protection Act which, from November 1987, would give all individuals the right of access to computerized records, but not to ordinary or paper records, he said.

"Whether you can see your file and correct it comes down to whether the authority you are dealing with is modernized enough to use a computer. There's a total inconsistency here."

The scope of the Bill is limited. It does not include, for instance, Inland Revenue records, personnel records or intelligence service reports. "What we are trying to do is create a Bill that is winnable," Mr Wilson said.

The campaign also launched yesterday a 30-page report, *I Want to Know What's in My File*, presenting the case for access.

It argues that the existence of files known to be secret can breed suspicion and mistrust; files may contain errors or omissions that if acted on may lead to a wrong decision; that individuals would be able to question the "unsubstantiated speculation and prejudiced comment that often appears on records"; and that individuals are better able to take decisions if information is shared with them.

More working class students

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

The percentage of working class candidates applying to universities has risen slightly, according to statistics published by the Universities Central Council on Admissions yesterday.

Fewer people from professional families applied for university places and fewer were accepted last year than in 1983. But the percentage of people from skilled non-manual backgrounds (office workers) going to university has risen, from 9.1 in 1982 to 10.1 in 1984.

The proportion of candidates from unskilled working class backgrounds is still tiny, only 1.3 per cent of the 156,488 applying in 1984, the same percentage as the year before. A mere 1.1 per cent got a place, out of 71 768 accepted.

But the proportions from working class partly-skilled occupations has risen since 1982, with 7.2 per cent applying last year and 6.2 per cent getting a place, as has the proportion of working class skilled manual candidates, with 14.1 per cent of applications and 12.4 per cent of acceptances.

The interest shown by the professional classes in a university education has fallen in each of the past three years. In 1982 the proportion applying was 21.7 per cent; that fell to 21.1 the following year and to 19.5 in 1984. The proportions who got a place were down as well.

The largest category in the table, described as intermediate occupations, showed little movement.

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Social class	Percentage of candidates			Percentage of acceptances		
	1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984
Professional	21.7	21.1	19.5	23.9	23.5	22.1
Intermediate	47.8	47.3	47.3	49.0	48.4	48.2
Skilled non-manual	9.6	9.4	10.6	9.1	8.7	10.1
Skilled manual	13.9	14.0	14.1	12.2	12.4	12.4
Partly-skilled	5.9	6.9	7.2	4.9	6.0	6.2
Unskilled	1 1	1.3	1.3	0.9	1.1	1.1

Radio station safety charge

Severn Sound, the commercial radio station is to be prosecuted next week for failing to ensure the safety of an engineer and his assistant who died when their radio-car aerial touched an overhead power cable.

Gloucestershire Broadcasting Ltd are to defend the case, brought by the Health and Safety executive, at Winchcombe Magistrates' Court, Gloucestershire, after the death of Mr Tony Cooper, aged 39, and his volunteer helper, Mr Nigel Lane, aged 19, who were erecting the aerial for an outside broadcast as Sudeley Castle, near Winchcombe, on July 1 last year.

Chemical found in more wines

Bottles of Italian red wine and white wine containing small quantities of the banned chemical di-ethylene glycol, have been found on sale in Sussex by trading standards officers.

The bottles are labelled "1982 Barbera del Piemonte Kiola-Dogliani" (£2.80); "Gottardo Lambrusco Bianco Slightly Sparkling" (£1.99), and "1979 Berolo-Dogliani" (£3.75).

Jogger injured

A jogger, Mrs Annette Bible, aged 46, was in intensive care yesterday after an accident with a dust cart in Romsey, Hampshire.

Climber died retrieving tube of suntan lotion

A young British climber lost his life on a Swiss mountain when he went to retrieve a tube of suntan lotion, an inquest was told yesterday.

Mr David Collins, aged 23, a computer programmer, of Iver Heath, Buckinghamshire, was on a climbing holiday with the Slough Mountaineering Club in July when he was killed on the Nonch Peak, near Grindlewild.

Mr Chris Nightingale, a fellow climber and the club secretary, told the inquest at Windsor, Berkshire, that he, Mr Collins and two other climbers had reached the top of the 4,000-metre mountain and were on their way down when Mr Collins dropped a tube of suntan lotion into a gully 60ft below.

The climber, who had been a member of the Slough club for about 18 months and had climbed while at Reading University, decided to retrieve it.

Mr Nightingale said: "He crossed the gully, picked up the tube and put it in his pocket. I climbed down to where his rucksack was and then I saw him stumble

"It all happened very quickly and he was not ready for it. He was unable to regain his balance and just slipped down the snow out of sight. He was unable to stop."

A post-mortem examination showed that he died from multiple injuries. The coroner recorded a verdict of misadventure.

Five whites seized in Bulawayo swoop

From Our Correspondent, Harare

Five whites have been arrested in Bulawayo, capital of Matabeleland, since Tuesday. The last arrest early yesterday was followed by the release from detention of a white former mayor, Mr Michael Constandinos, aged 53, who is to face charges of possessing subversive literature.

Relatives of the five men said that armed police in blue uniforms arrived at their homes in the early hours of Tuesday and Yesterday, ransacked them and left with the men for unknown destination. No reasons were given.

On Tuesday, Mr Trevor Heymans, aged 56, an employee in the Bulawayo Town Clerk's department, and Mr Michael Habgood, aged 56, director of the council's building and amenities department, were seized.

Mr Habgood was released later on Wednesday to the Mater Dei Hospital, where he was due to undergo a minor operation yesterday. His passport was confiscated.

Labour aims to curtail flood of textile imports

The Labour Party yesterday launched its plan for the textile industry, a combination of financial support and controls intended to safeguard jobs and provide better choice and value to consumers.

Central to Labour's policy is a strong Multi-Fibre Arrangement (MFA) to curb imports from Hong Kong and newly developed nations

Mr John Smith, Labour's chief trade and industry spokesman, said in introducing the campaign document, *Labour and Textiles and Clothing*, that the industry had lost 30,000 jobs since 1979.

He said: "This industry has suffered particularly from the Government's policies of high interest rates, fluctuating and high exchange rates, low demand and the flood of imports" According to Labour, imports account for 70 per cent of men's suits, 76 per cent of shirts, 57 per cent of blouses, 72 per cent of skirts, 51 per cent of men's underwear and 19 per cent of socks.

Mr Smith said textiles and clothing made a current value-added contribution of £3.9 billion.

Boxer's pistol defence

Barry McGuigan, the world featherwieght boxing champion disclosed yesterday that he has held a licensed pistol for personal protection for the past three or four years.

McGuigan said he was unconcerned by recent reported threats to his life. He added: "I live in a remote part of the world, in bandit country I am there with my wife and baby and I need some form of protection."

There was tight security at McGuigan's Dublin hotel for the announcement of his world title defence against Bernard Taylor of the United States at King's Hall, Belfast, on September 28.

RAF restriction on flying hours relaxed

By Rodney Cowton

Most of the cuts in Royal Air Force flying hours, which were imposed as an economy measure last December, have been restored.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said: "The RAF has been able to increase somewhat the fuel available to squadrons for the remainder of this financial year, bringing down the reduction in overall activity from 10 per cent to 4 per cent".

The original 10 per cent reduction was intended to save £25 million in a full year. The restoration of most of this cut is believed to have been possible because of a fall in fuel prices.

The fuel limitations led to the adoption of a severe policy in relation to marginal flying activities, such as display flying, but it is understood that RAF front-line squadrons, along with those of Canada and the United States, are exceeding the Nato requirements of 15 hours flying a month

Arts grant campaign goes public

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The Arts Council is to make an unprecedented public attempt for an increase of about 50 per cent in its funds from the government.

The body, which was criticized by arts groups early this year when they felt it failed to fight sufficiently hard to maintain state grants, will outline the detail of its grant application in public next week.

It is expected to include a demand for an increase in the present grant of £106 million to about £160 million next year. The sum will include an extra £37 million to replace grants lost by the abolition of the metropolitan authorities, back payments for the money lost last year when the council had claimed £120 million and figures for inflation and improved regional spending.

The decision to make the application was a result of the criticism which the council believes was unfairly levelled at it over the present low level of arts grants.

The council believes that the anger of the arts lobby, which was led by Sir Peter Hall of the National Theatre, should have been directed at the government, which set the overall level of the grant settlement.

By making its demands public the council feels that the blame for any failure to win significant increases for the arts will be laid firmly on the government.

The Arts Council, in the hope of appealing to the business sense of the government, will publish with its grant application a "prospectus for the arts"

It argues that the government recovers about £75 million in taxes from its present £106 million investment; and that as a whole the arts directly employ about 175,000 peope with many more in ancillary areas.

A briefing paper produced by the council concludes: "The money spent from the public purse on the arts is a first-rate investment, since it buys not only the cultural and educational elements, but also a product with which we compete on equal or superior terms with the rest of the world.

"To provide job opportunities, invest in business expansion and stimulate production and exports, the government could do no better than to put our money into the arts."

Dr Claudie Deshays, aged 28, a French rheumatology expert, is the first woman to be selected by the National Space studies centre in Paris for training as an astronaut. Dr Deshays, photographed at the centre this week, is also qualified in aeronautics and sports medicine. She was chosen with six male colleagues from 715 candidates who applied to the centre in January. The training could lead to a space flight with either the US or Russia.

China ready to replace aged leaders

From Mary Lee
Peking

Western diplomats in Peking said the Communist Party Central Committee meets today to prepare for the party conference which beging next week.

While the aims of this special conference have long been publicized – to replace older leaders in the Politburo and Central Committee with younger members, mostly in their early fifties, and to discuss the seventh five-year plan, 1986-90 – no date has been officially announced.

"Wait for the press briefing which will be called to announce the conference", a Propaganda Department spokesman said yesterday.

Some diplomats had said earlier that the Central Committee plenum begun yesterday. But last night's television's news showed Politburo and Secretarial members busy collecting views of the conference from noted no-party individuals.

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Lange condemns visit by Mitterrand to nuclear test zone in the Pacific

From Our Own Correspondent, Wellington

Mr David Lange, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, yesterday strongly criticized the decision of President Mitterrand to visit France's South Pacific nuclear testing zone.

M Mitterrand will arrive at the zone on Mururoa Atoll today, and hold a meeting there with French South Pacific ambassadors and defence officials.

Mr Lange told a press conference in Wellington: "President Mitterrand is no doubt making some important political point to his electorate in France. We have of course no choice but to live with the French Government's apparent determination to puruse its nuclear testing.

"But for the President to come all this way to a tiny Pacific atoll to prove his point, at a time when feeling is running so high about French policies in this region, appears strange indeed," said Mr Lange.

Mr Lange said M Mitterrand's stated intention to meet *France's South Pacific ambassadors and defence officials* – they will include the French Ambassador to New Zealand, M Jacques Bourgoin – could be aimed at promoting an even more vigorous and reckless campaign to counter the growing opposition to nuclear testing in the Pacific.

"If this is so it will only serve to harden the attitudes of those in the region," said Mr Lange.

Later his deputy prime minister, Mr Geoffrey Palmer, said New Zealand had incurred "the most frightful attack" on its sovereignty, in a reference to the sabotage in Auckland harbour on July 10 of the Greenpeace ship, Rainbow Warrior.

Two French agents are being held in New Zealand on charges of murder and arson in connection with the attack on the ship which had been *planning to enter the French* nuclear test zone.

Mr Palmer, who leaves on Friday for an official visit to America and European capitals, including Paris, said he would be saying "some very blunt things indeed" when he speaks to the French Institute for International Relations in Paris later this month.

Before visiting Europe, Mr Palmer will visit Washington to attempt to resolve the rift between New Zealand and the US over the Government's ban on the entry of warships equipped with nuclear weapons.

He will hold talks with the American Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, on September 19.

Australia joins in protest to France

Canberra (Reuter) – Australia delivered a strong protest to France yesterday concerning President Mitterrand's trip calling it "provocative and contemptuous."

The French Ambassador, Mr Bernard Follin, was summoned to the foreign ministry on the instructions of the Foreign Minister Mr Bill Hayden and handed the strongly-worded protest by a senior official.

"The Australian Government and people consider this meeting to be highly provocative and contemptuous of countries of the South Pacific, including Australia," the note says.

"The Meeting is apparently designed to highlight the determination of France to continue nuclear testing in the face of universal and total condemnation by South Pacific Governments."

'Human error' set two trains on single track to head-on collision

Rescue workers removing dead and injured from the charred and twisted wreckage. A railway engineer said it was a miracle that more had not been killed in the fire that followed the crash.

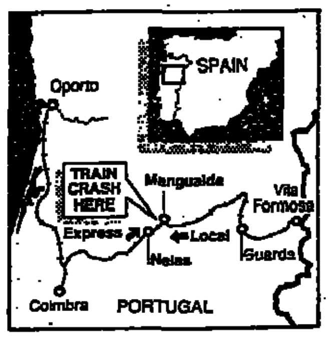
Portuguese disaster toll now 44

From Martha de la Cal
Lisbon

Forty-four bodies have been recovered from the wreckage of two trains which crashed head-on on Wednesday night between Mangualde and Nelas in the north of Portugal.

The number was half the original estimate made by firemen fighting the blaze which enveleped five of the carriages when fuel exploded on impact and trapped passengers inside.

However, rescue workers believe that there may be some bodies left among the tangled mass of steel and ashes. Many have been identified, out others are charred beyond recognition. Another injured 160 people were taken by ambulance and helicopter to hospitals in surrounding towns. Sixty are still in hospital.



A large group of tourists has been taken to France on relied trains. No foreign tourists were reported among the dead and the British Embassy in Lisbon said they had had no reports of Britons involved. The German Embassy believed about 20 German tourists were on the train to France.

The Sud express had left Oporto for the Spanish border at Vila Formosa carrying 430 Portuguese emigrants back to their jobs in France and a number of foreign tourists. It collided at high speed on a single track with a regular passenger train travelling to Coimbra from Guarda.

Four of the carriages were thrown some distance into a pine wood. Diesel fuel exploded and fire spread rapidly through the catriages, with temperatures reaching 600C. Emigrant searched frantically through the debris for relatives as small children wandered alone through the wreckage.

A preliminary report released by Senhor Soares, the Prime Minister, attributed the cause of the disaster to "human error". Poor communication by telephone between station managers allowed the two trains to depart simultaneously from the stations of Nelas and Alcafache on their collision course.

Blame has not yet been placed on any one person. The station manager at Nelas was reported to have fled into hiding, but was later found in his home in a state of shock.

The Portuguese national railway CP has been unable to modernise at the same rate as the rest of Europe because of lack of funds. It has only 212 miles of double track

Glemp asks US to remove sanctions

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The Polish Primate, Cardinal Jozef Glemp, speaking before a pastoral tour of the United States, has urged Washington to lift the remaining economic sanctions against Poland and thus ease some of the pressure on his fellow countrymen.

The call, made in an interview and, more tentatively, at a news conference for Western reporters, was in line with church policy that sanctions hurt the people more than the Jaruzelski Government. But the coincidence of both the Primate (September 17-24) and General Jaruzelski (September 24 on) visiting the US in such swift succession – and both making appeals for an end to sanctions – may have the effect of pushing the Reagan Administration into considering further concessions.

General Jaruzelski is expected to condemn the use of economic weapons against Poland during his speech to the UN General Assembly.

Cardinal Glemp on the eve of his US trip.

Although some sanctions were lifted in response to an amnesty freeing political prisoners last year, the US still maintains a ban on new credits and denies Poland "most favoured nation" status.

"I would say that sanctions should long ago have been lifted as we are in a difficult situation", Cardinal Glemp said. "I think that the effect is negative for the people."

To reporters he suggested that sanctions should be removed in the context of an improvement in relations between the US and Poland and a general East-West relaxation.

The Primate said that preparations were under way for the next papal trip to Poland in June, 1987. The Government has not yet been consulted on the visit but he envisaged no problems. "I don't think that the Pope as a Pole would have any difficulties in coming here."

The tension between church and State, inflamed by the murder of Father Jerzy Popieluszko last October, was easing but the Primate said he had not stopped pressing the Government for the release of political prisoners.

"I'm telling this to Mr Jaruzelski", he said, studiously ignoring the rank of the Polish leader. The Primate met the general in June after an interruption of 18 months.

Kidnapping victims send notes

Islamabad (Reuter) – An Australian couple kidnapped in May and taken to Afghanistan have sent their first message in four months saying they are well and looking forward to seeing their families soon, the Australian Embassy said here.

The two short notes, dated August 21 and written on a page from a 1977 Afghan desk diary, gave no hint of where Robert Williamson and his wife Jenny Lade were being held, an embassy official said.

The couple, kidnapped by Baluch tribesmen *outside the* western Pakistani city of Quetta on May 19, are believed to be somewhere in Kandahar province in southern Afghanistan, he added.

They sent their only previous letter a day after being kidnapped by two brothers who are demanding the release of their father, tribal chief Allah Gul Sasooli, from a Quetta jail where he is serving a five-year sentence for kidnapping and presumably murdering a child.

The embassy official said the notes were sent through a Pakistani tribal intermediary.

Japan says it wants yen to rise

From David Watts
Tokyo

In a letter to Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Japanese Government has denied that it is artificially holding down the value of the yen to increase exports.

The letter says, Japan wants the value of the yen to increase.

The letter was a personal one from Mr Susmu Nikaido, Vice-President of the Liberal Democratic Party, and though it was signed by him it reflects opinion throughout the Government, as it was be reviewed in advance by the Ministries of Finance and Foreign Affairs.

Mrs Thatcher criticized Japanese policies at a meeting of the International Democratic Union, a gathering of the world's conservative parties in Washington in July.

Mr Nikaido wrote to Mrs Thatcher: "Under our free market system it is extremely difficult or even impossible to manipulate the exchange rate, particularly in view of the vigorous capital movement in the present day."

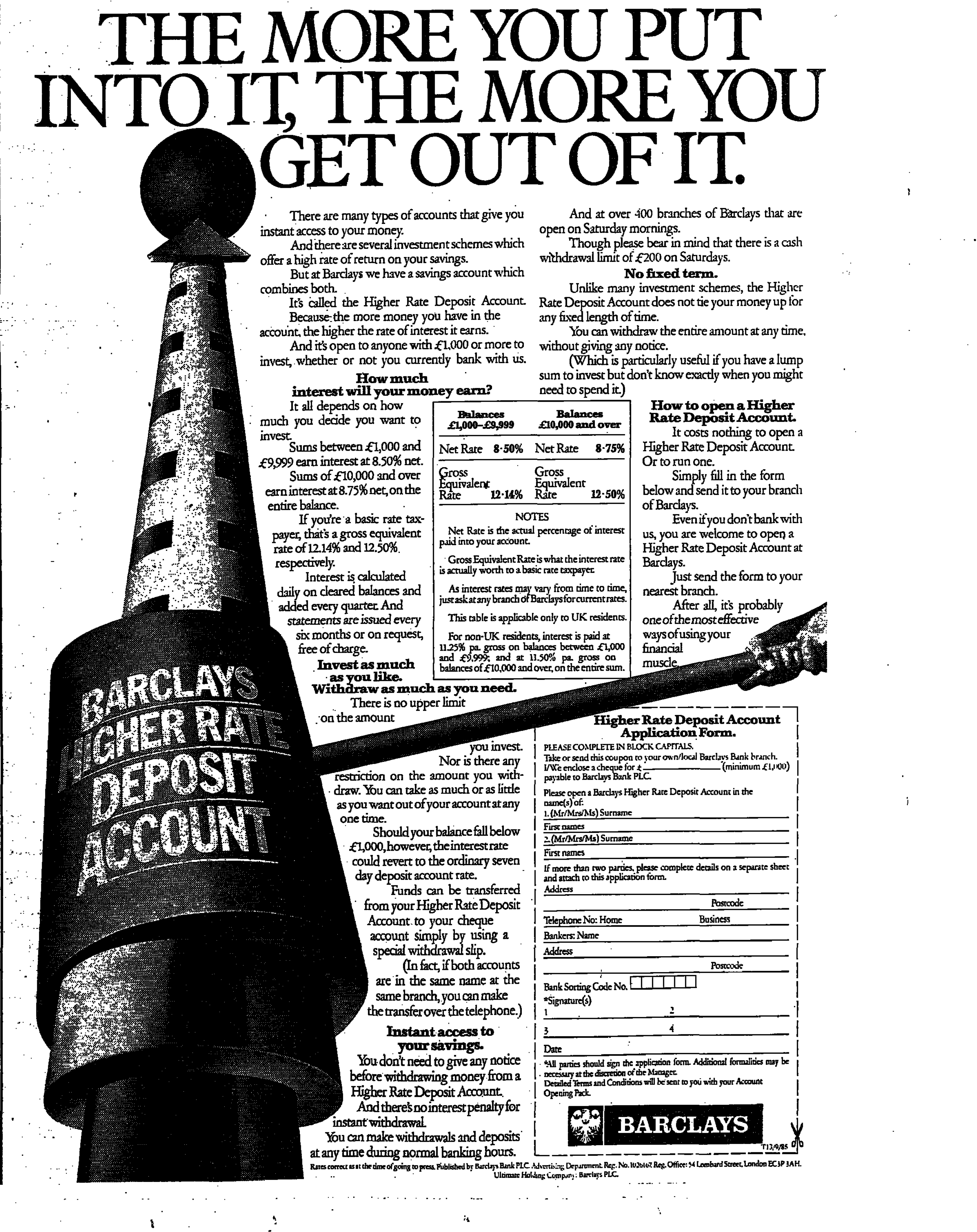
Birthday deadline for hearing on boy refugee

From Michael Binyon, Washington

In the extraordinary legal tussle over the fate of Walter Polovchak, a Ukrainian boy granted political asylum in Chicago at the age of 12, a Federal appeals court has barred the Immigration Service from forcibly preventing the boy's departure from the US, but has ordered a prompt hearing to see whether he would face persecution if he returned to the Soviet Union.

It ruled that a lower court did not fully consider the boy's rights when it cleared the way for his parents to return to the US to claim custody of their son, now aged 17. Walter, who lives with relatives in Chicago, says he fears he will be imprisoned if he returns

The court called for a hearing before October 3, Walter's eighteenth birthday, when he will be old enough to choose the country in which he wants to live.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Where would we be without the secretions of the Argentine Ant?

The search for new medicines does not, as you may suppose, always begin and end in a laboratory full of weird apparatus and white coated boffins.

Indeed, many major discoveries have been made by apparent loonies who took it upon themselves to poke around in the most unlikely places.

And in the case of one antibacterial, this just happened to be the anal gland of the Argentine Ant (*Iridomyrmex humilis*).

A pesky little chap measuring just two millimetres, who, upon detailed examination, was found to be host to no less than 55 chemical constituents. One being the antibacterial named iridomyrmecin after its donor's Latin name. Many of the others are still the subject of minutely detailed scrutiny.

Leaving no stone unturned, in a very literal sense of the phrase, another antibacterial substance was discovered to be doing very nicely in the faeces of the blow fly larvae.

While a soil sample taken in Venezuela (where else?) was found to contain a substance which industry based microbiologists showed to be particularly efficacious in the treatment of typhus and typhoid.

The list goes on. As does the research. But as you will by now have begun to appreciate, screening programmes involved in the search for new treatments and cures are exhaustive to say the least.

Naturally, a lot of leads lead to nowhere. But some provide an invaluable stepping-stone to more research and occasionally to a major breakthrough itself.

One such discovery was the treatment for tuberculosis. A disease once described by Milton as the "Captain of the Men of Death". In 1944, Professor Waksman of Rutgers University, in the USA, discovered that the newly isolated micro-organism, "*streptomyces griseus*", produced streptomycin which was very effective against the tubercule bacillus.

However, after about six weeks of treatment, patients began to relapse due to the emergence of strains of tuberculosis which were resistant to the drug. But then in 1946 a Swedish biochemist discovered another drug effective against tuberculosis which, when used with the streptomycin, delayed the development of the resistance.

And so, once further research by the pharmaceutical industry had uncovered an effective and economic means of production, the combined drugs became the standard treatment.

The story, however, does not end there. For in 1952 a third antituberculosis drug, isoniazid, was discovered. Used in conjunction with the other two, resistance was usually completely avoided.

The impact was staggering.

Up until the 1950s, "The White Plague" had caused literally millions of deaths each year. Today, death from TB in this country is extremely rare.

All of the hospitals built for the treatment of TB have now been closed or converted. And many of the wards for infectious diseases have been given over to the care of the elderly.

Oddly enough the very same drug, isoniazid, was also responsible for the closure of many psychiatric hospitals and wards. While the drug was being used to treat tuberculosis, it was seen to produce a marked anti-depressant effect.

After further research and development, this led to the establishment of a whole new group of medicines for the treatment of mental illness.

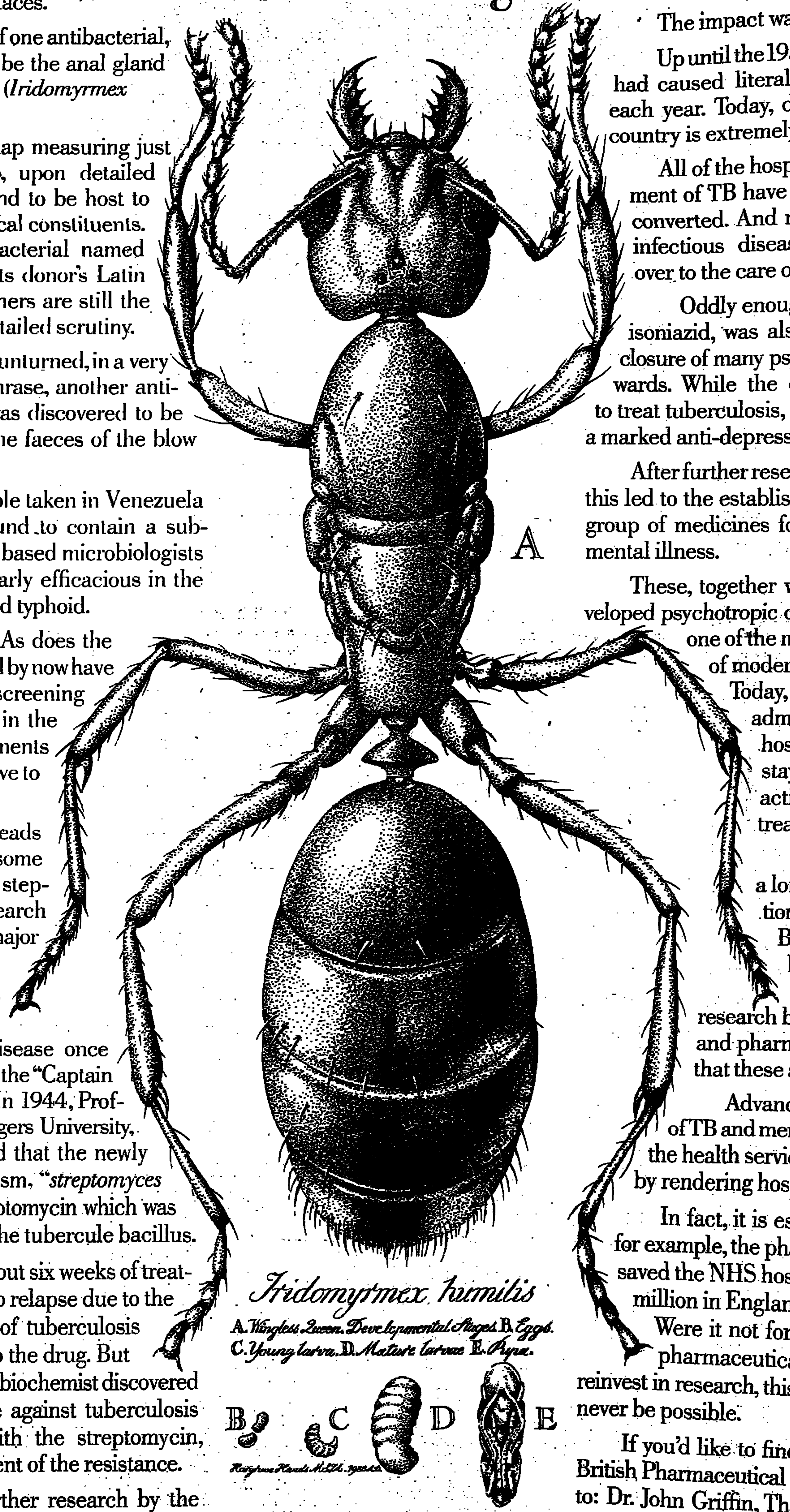
These, together with other recently developed psychotropic drugs, turned out to be one of the most striking examples of modern therapeutic success. Today, of the relatively few admissions to psychiatric hospitals, most are short stay patients who receive active and successful treatment.

All of this may seem a long way from the secretions of the Argentine Ant. But it is from such humble beginnings and such exhaustive research by universities, doctors, and pharmaceutical companies that these advances are made.

Advances which, in the case of TB and mental illness, have saved the health service vast sums of money by rendering hospitalisation a rarity.

In fact, it is estimated that in 1982, for example, the pharmaceutical industry saved the NHS hospitals at least £1,658 million in England and Wales alone.

Were it not for the funds which the pharmaceutical industry is able to reinvest in research, this kind of saving would never be possible.



Iridomyrmex humilis

A. Wingless Queen. Developmental Stages B. Eggs.
C. Young larva. D. Mature larvae E. Pupa.

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Ship's captain who threw stowaways overboard gets 10-year jail term

From Mario Modiano, Athens

The captain of the Greek cargo ship Garifalia, who dumped 11 stowaways from Kenya into the shark-infested waters of the Indian Ocean last year, was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonmet by the Piraeus Criminal Court yesterday.

The ship's first mate was jailed for 31 months and the boatswain for 44 months on similar charges of exposure endangering human lives. But the court accepted a defence plea that the charges should be treated as misdemeanours, not felonies, considering that there was no convincing proof that the stowaways had died.

Of the other eight defendants, only one seaman, a Pakistani, was acquitted and the third engineer was freed on suspended sentence. The ship's cook, who told the story to the authorities, received a sentence of 14 months and 10 days. The others were each given sentences of 16 months and 20 days, but all were freed because they had already served that time in pre-trial detention.

The presiding judge, Mr Zisis Kottas, after returning the verdict, expressed shock that a trial such as this should have taken place. "I hope it never happens again," he said.

The tales of medieval horror which echoed in the drab Piraeus courtroom in the past fortnight, prompted the public prosecutor, Mr Yiannis Nikolopoulos, to exclaim: "I cannot believe that such acts could have been committed in the twentieth century by Greek seamen, not by cannibals."

Captain Antonis Plytzanopoulos, aged 44, the chief defendant, admitted he had ordered 11 African stowaways to be thrown overboard, but claimed they had revolted and posed a threat to his crew's safety. But his own crew denied that there had been a mutiny.

The prosecution argued that the captain saw the stowaways as a nuisance and decided to get rid of them mainly because to return them to Mombasa would have resulted in costly delays for his employers.

Crew members testifying for the prosecution described how the captain, infuriated by the first two stowaways who refused to jump and pleaded for mercy on their knees, had lashed out at them with a hull-scraper. "Although they were bleeding profusely they were forced into lifejackets and made to jump at gunpoint," said Lieutenant Haralambos Koutougeras who was at the wheel. "We all knew there were sharks in that area," he added.

The Garifalia which sailed from Mombasa for Karachi on March 15, 1984, was then steaming at 12 knots some eight miles from the Somalian coast but later she edged closer. The crew threw barrels and wooden spars in the water to help the men, but an International Red Cross inquiry later failed to locate any survivors.

Crew-members, tears often streaming down their faces, told the tribunal that although the Garifalia carried two spare dinghies, the captain had flushed the stowaways out of a small storeroom with fumigant and forced them to jump overboard in unmarked lifejackets.

"I thought I was living in another age," said Mr Yiannis Blazakis, the second cook. "I could not bear to watch it, so I ran away." The ship's officers, asked by the judges why they had not tried to restrain, even overpower, the captain, said they were afraid for their own lives.

But three Greek merchant captains, all classmates of Captain Plytzanopoulos at the Marine Academy, testifying as character witnesses for the defence, revealed a chilling new dimension of callousness when they certified that the practice of doing away with stowaways was universal.

The Japanese, they claimed, froze stowaways to death in the ship's freezer before dumping them overboard, while the Norwegians would burn them in the ship's pantry. One captain insisted that African stowaways were not eaten by sharks because their odour repelled the beasts.

Stowaways, said another, were diseased petty criminals and ditching them was an act of self-preservation. "Because they are Muslims," he said, "they do not use toilet paper." "What Plytzanopoulos did was right. I would have done the same."

The Greek Ministry of Merchant Marine said yesterday that the number of stowaways found on board Greek ships was rising sharply. While no cases had been reported in 1981 and only five in 1982, there had been 18 cases involving 31 stowaways in 1984 and so far this year 31 cases with a total of 74 stowaways. Standing orders to Greek sea captains, it said, were to repatriate the stowaways at their company's expense.

The Garifalia affair was exposed after the ship returned to Greece in May 1984. Four of the 25-man crew denounced what had happened in statements to the Patras harbour authorities. The question that the Piraeus trial seemed to leave unanswered was how many such stories of cruelty are never revealed?

Sporting ties

Seoul (Reuter) – Eight South Korean athletes and officials entered the Soviet Union for the first time since the Korean airliner was shot down by Soviet jets in 1983. The athletes will compete in the World Junior Modern pentathlon Championships opening today

Kasparov finds new gambit

Moscow (Reuter) – Anatoly Karpov, the world chess champion, shelved his King's pawn opening yesterday in an attempt to gain an early initiative in the fourth game of his title defence against Gary Kasparov.

Karpov chose to begin play by advancing his queen's pawn two squares. In their previous series, abandoned without result last February, this change of strategy brought the champion two quick victories.

The opening moves followed the 27th game of the last series in Moscow, with Kasparov the Queen's Gambit Declined, Karpov's favourite classical defence.

Nevertheless Kasparov varied the play early on, producing a new eighth move which left Karpov sunk in thought, and injecting tension into the game by gambiting a pawn to gain active play for his pieces.

Kasparov leads the series by two points to one and appears to have captured the support of the crowd in the Tchaikovsky Concert Hall. He was welcomed by a long and enthusiastic ovation.

Fourth game
White Karpov. Black Kasparov
Queen's Gambit Declined

1	P-Q4	P-Q4	2	P-QB4	P-K3
3	N-QB3	B-K2	4	N-B3	N-KB3
5	B-N5	P-KR3	6	BxN	BxB
7	P-K3	O-O	8	Q-B2	N-R3
9	R-Q1	P-B4	10	PxBP	Q-R4
11	PxP	NxP	12	Q-Q2	R-Q1
13	N-Q4	PxP	14	B-K2	Q-N3
15	O-O	N-K5	16	QxN	NxN
17	QxN	B-K3	18	Q-B2	QR-B1
19	Q-N1	R-B2	20	R-Q2	RQ1-QB1
21	NxB	PxN	22	B-N4	R-B5
23	P-KR3	Q-B3	24	Q-Q3	K-R1
25	KR-Q1	P-QR4	26	P-QN3	

● British Grandmaster Tony Miles has caused a dispute at an international tournament by playing while lying on his back.

Miles, who says he has back trouble, brought a massage table to his games at the Interpolis Tournament in the Dutch town of Tilburg. Several opponents protested that Miles's postion was distracting. They said he had been seen sitting in a restaurant.

Officials said yesterday that Miles could continue using the table. But if any opponent objected strongly, he would sit on a chair to make moves and keep the table near by to rest on.

After 10 of 14 rounds, Miles leads a field including the former world Title challenger Victor Kirchnoi.

Leading scores: Miles, 6.5 and one adjourned; Hubner, 5.5; Korchnoi, Ljubojevic, Romanishin, 5.

Lagos press returns to its robust role

From Nicholas Ashford, Lagos

The Nigerian press is again living up to its reputation as being the most free and varied in Africa, having been frustrated for 18 months by the military regime deposed in August.

The Nigeria press is noted for robustness with which it expresses its views, which Sir Geoffrey Howe, Britain's Foreign Secretary, would know if he read some of the commentary which greeted his arrival here earlier this week. But, until the coup which toppled General Buhari's administration at the end of August, press freedom had been sharply curbed for 18 months by a military regime which did not take kindly to criticism.

Some of the country's leading journalists were jailed for infringing the notorious Decree Number 4, which provided for up to two years in jail for journalists who mocked the Government or made "false allegations" against public officials.

Among those jailed was Mr Tunde Thompson, managing editor of *The Guardian* one of the country's leading newspapers. His offence was to have published a series of stories predicting that military officers were to be given important ambassadorial posts. His reports were later proved to be correct.

Mr Thompson, freed earlier this year after a year in jail, believes his jailing was the result of a personal vendetta with the head of the country's National Security Organization. He had previously written an article critical of the organization's political influence.

"The Buhari-introduced Decree Number 4 because it had an abiding hatred of the press. It was also fearful the press would expose its malpractices," he said.

Decree Number 4 greatly inhibited press freedom, but newspapers were not completely cowed.

Some newspapers turned to satire to criticize the Government as it blundered towards its downfall.

One of the first actions taken by President Ibrahim Babangida after he seized power was to repeal Decree Number 4 and free jailed jounalists, including Mr Bumar Zarna of the *New Nigerian* and Mr Lawrence Olanipe of the *Nigeria Tribune*.

Amal puts militiaman before firing squad

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

For the second time in the three-month history of their miniature Islamic republic around Tyre, the Shia Muslim Amal movement yesterday announced the "execution" of a man whom it had accused of murder.

Farkad Alaeddin, himself a member of the Amal militia, was shot by firing squad after his colleagues said he had killed two other militiamen.

In its way, the "execution" – there was of course, nothing legal about the man's death – followed a pattern long familiar in Iran. According to an Amal statement, he was shot "in line with God's verdict, after a session of a field court formed by Amal with the approval of the Sharia judge". Nor was it likely to be the last such tribunal.

Indeed Amal has just announced the "arrest" for murder of one of the 36 Palestinians released by the Israelis from Atlit camp on Tuesday. Khozahi Hussein Chehadi was one of those men dragged by gunmen from the Red Cross bus bringing them to Tyre after their release. He has now been accused of killiing a leading Amal official, Taha Hussein, in the fighting between Shia Muslims and guerrillas of the Palestine Liberation Organization early in 1982.

Earlier this summer, Amal gunmen shot a young Shia Muslim after claiming that he had planted a bomb in the village mosque at Maarake outside Tyre on the orders of Israeli intelligence men. The exposion killed a number of the Lebanese resistance movement in southern Lebanon.

The Israelis, whose soldiers had raided the village shortly before the explosion, alleged that the bomb had been planted by a rival guerrilla faction.

US withdrawal forces Unesco job cuts

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Nearly 700 jobs will be lost at the Paris-based United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco) as part of economy measures having to be taken in the wake of the US withdrawal from the organization.

The 700 jobs to go include some 150 to 200 compulsory redundancies.

The American withdrawal at the end of last year has meant the loss of a quarter of Unesco's income, which in its turn has led to proposed cuts in the organization's activities and running expenses for the 1986-87 two-year period.

No account has been taken of further loss of income should Britain decide to go ahead with its threat to withdraw at the end of this year unless adequate reforms are made. Britain's contribution accounts for about 5 per cent of Unesco's income.

Detailed decisions as to where the cuts should fall are expected to be taken during the autumn session of Unesco's 50-member executive board, which opened here on Wednesday. The board's proposals will then be put to a full meeting of the organization's 160 members at its biennial conference in Sofia starting in October.

Mr Amadou M'Bow, Unesco's general secretary, told the executive board meeting that at the present stage of developments 570 posts associated with "non-priority" programmes and activities would be frozen, representing a saving of $45 million (£34 million). In addition, about 100 posts which had already been frozen would be permanently lost.

Senator Edward Kennedy in debate with the South African Foreign Minister, Mr "Pik" Botha, shown on television monitors, during a satellite link-up between Washington and Johannesburg for the ABC programme *Nightline*, on which sanctions against South Africa were discussed.

Cape ambush claim as police kill three

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

At least three black youths were shot dead and 14 injured yesterday in what was claimed to be a police "ambush" near the Crossroads squatter camp close to Cape Town. In Soweto, outside Johannesburg, a white schoolteacher and 10 of her black pupils were injured when police with shotguns opened fire on demonstrators.

In the Cape Town incident, police said they had killed three youths and injured another when they fired on a group of about 100 people who had barricaded a road with burning tyres.

In brought the death toll in two weeks of simmering unrest in Cape Town's black and Coloured townships to at least 35 – one of them a plain-clothes policeman battered to death on Wednesday by enraged Muslims at a funeral of a man killed by police – with nearly people injured.

But General Johan Coetzee, the Police Commissioner who paid a flying visit to Cape Town yesterday, said there was no need to extend the state of emergency to the area. He said incidents of unrest were tailing off and a senior security police officer, a Brigadier Malan, had been posted to Cape Town from Pretoria to "attend at a very high level to the problems that hve developed here".

General Coetzee told reporters that Brigadier Malan had asked a local confectionery factory to provide sweets which police on riot duty could hand out as gifts.

"This might seem strange to you but we do it regularly," he said. The "bobbies on the beat" interacted constantly with the communities in which they worked and provided a "catalyst" to get people talking to each other, the general said.

At a clinic in Crossroads run by the South African Christian Leadership Association nursing staff and doctors said the injured brought in yesterday appeared to have been wounded by buckshot and not the lighter calibre birdshot the police normally use.

They said two bodies of youths, aged 20 and 17, had been brought to the clinic but unconfirmed reports said three other bodies were removed by police from the scene.

Eye-witnesses said police had left their armoured personnel carriers and hid behind public toilets as the crowd of youths from the squatter camp approached the blazing barricade in Lansdowne Road. The youths were taken by surprise as police opened fire.

In Soweto, police said that Mrs A. E. Bester, aged 50, three black girls and seven black boys were injured, "apparently not very seriously", when they opened fire with shotguns at the Musi High School. The incident would be "fully investigated", a spokesman said.

The police reported that overnight a man was shot dead during an attack on a policeman's home in Langa black township near Cape Town and a woman was killed when a mob tried to set fire to a private home in a black township outside Howick in Natal.

A locally-made water cannon is to be demonstrated to members of the Cabinet in Pretoria today.

General Coetzee said that police were reviewing riot control inluding the use of rubber bullets and using dye in water cannon to assist later identification.

Renault quits grand prix

Paris (AP) – Renault has decided not to take part in the South African Grand Prix next month. The decision follows a statement on Wednesday by the French Minister for Sport, Mr Alain Calmat, asking French car makers involved in Formula 1 racing to consider the implications.

● **JOHANNESBURG**: Alfa Romeo is to close its South Africa assembly operation with the loss of 500 jobs because of falling demand and the poor exchange rate of the rand (Ray Kennedy writes).

Tutu travels on a refugee passport

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

When Johannesburg's black Anglican bishop, the Right Rev Desmond Tutu, goes abroad he travels on a document which records his nationality as "undetermined". The document is the same as the Pretoria Government issues to refugees.

Under South African law, Bishop Tutu, even though he was born in South Africa and has spent his whole life here, is not a South African citizen and thus not entitled to a South African passport.

The aim of apartheid has been to turn all South Africa's 23 million black Africans into citizens of one or other of 10 tribally defined homelands, referred to officially as "black national states".

On the grant by Pretoria of "independence" to these states, all blacks living in them, and those of the same tribe living outside, automatically lose their South African citizenship and become citizens of the homeland concerned.

Four of these mini-stats – Transkei, Ciskei, Bophuthatswana and Venda – have accepted independence, thereby depriving an estimated eight to nine million blacks of their South African citizenship.

As a Xhosa speaker, Bishop Tutu is legally required to register as a citizen of either Transkei or Ciskei, and travel on a Ciskei or Transkei passport. This he refuses to do, since he regards himself as a South African.

Even if he were to acquire, say, a Transkei passport, it would be useless as it is not recognized by thge outside world. Hence he is driven to adopt refugee status in his own country.

Bishop Tutu's international fame at least gives him some leverage in getting a travel document when he needs it. Important people in the homelands can usually prevail on Pretoria to bend the rules and give them a South African passport.

Smaller fry who have lost their South African citizenship have to make special travel arrangements with the embassies here of the countries they wish to visit.

Britain, for example, asks a citizen of an "independent" homeland to sign a "declaration of identity" on which a visa is then stamped. This serves in lieu of a passport. The Americans operate a similar system.

Blacks living in, or linked to, the six homelands which have not accepted independence can usually get a South African passport, though only after rigorous vetting by the Minstry of Internal Affairs.

It remains to be seen whether President Botha's announcement that South African citizenship will be restored to those who have lost it will make travel easier for blacks, or bring with it any of the other normal benefits of citizenship, such as political rights.

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SOUTH AFRICA'S POPULATION

Blacks (i.e. Africans)	22,803,688
Whites	4,822,745
Coloureds (Mixed-race)	2,803,174
Indians	876,000
Total	**31,305,607**

Blacks in Homelands 12,000,867

Area	Tribe	Number
KwaZulu	Zulu	3,778,602
Gazankulu	Tsonga	582,508
Lebowa	North Sotho	1,952,514
Owaqwa	South Sotho	305,000
Kwandebele	South Ndebele	225,792
Kangwane	Swazi	183,763
Transkei	Xhosa	2,524,353
Ciskei	Xhosa	728,441
Bophuthatswana	Tswana	1,433,424
Venda	Venda	376,470

Blacks outside Homelands 10,802,821

Province	Tribal Mix	Number
Transvaal	Various	5,970,354
Cape	Mainly Xhosa	1,693,507
Orange Free State	Various	1,685,427
Natal	Mainly Zulu	1,453,533

● Source: Bureau of Market Research of the University of South Africa. Situation as of mid-1983.

Senate sanctions battle becomes a party issue

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Licking their wounds after repeated failure to end the debate and force a vote on the Bill imposing sanctions against South Africa, Democrats in the US Senate were preparing yesterday for one more attempt to cut off the filibuster, but are now resigned to fighting for tougher sanctions in other ways.

Realizing that they have been outmanoeuvred by President Reagan's executive order for selective sanctions on Monday, the Democrats intend seizing opportunities if and when they arise to attach a sanctions provision to other, unrelated Bills in the forthcoming session.

The argument over sanctions has taken on a sharply partisan tone as the Republican leadership fights to discredit President Reagan and his Administration's policies generally.

"I'll stake my civil rights record against anyone in this chamber," declared Senator Robert Dole, the majority leader on Wednesday. "This is no longer an issue of what's good for South Africa. This is a raw political issue, South Africa is secondary."

Meanwhile, the Administration was continuing to put public pressure on President Botha to move swiftly towards dismantling apartheid. Mr Chester Crocker, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, said yesterday that if South Africa adopted a recommendation to abolish pass laws restricting blacks' movements this could be a "very important step".

He said a lot depended on what would replace the present system but added: "If this is really a liberalization opening up, freedom to seal your labour where you can get the best price, this would represent a very important step."

Ethiopia still needs 1.6m tonnes of food aid

By Rodney Cowton

Ethiopia is estimated to require 1,600,000 tonnes of food through international aid programmes in the next year, according to its ambassador in London.

The ambassador, Mr Teferra Haile Selassie, said at a press conference to mark the eleventh anniversary of the Ethiopian revolution, that the estimated requirement of food supplies for the current year had been 1,500,000 tonnes, of which more than 900,000 tonnes had been received. This left a deficit of 600,000 tonnes to add to the probable needs of one million tonnes for the coming year.

He said precise needs were now being assessed and a report would be published by the end of this month. He expressed Ethiopian's gratitude to the international community for the relief provided, but said that in terms of medical aid donor countries tended to send what they has available, rather than what was more needed.

A member of the embassy staff said that normally vitamins were at the top of the medical aid they received, but Ethiopia's greater need was for antibiotics.

Mr Teferra said the effects of the great drought and famine still persisted and made Ethiopia's dependence on food and relief assistance inevitable.

● **GENEVA**: Most industrial nations have failed to live up to aid commitments made to the world's 36 poorest countries, further increasing their vulnerability to depressed commodity prices and high interest rates, a United Nations report said yesterday (according to Reuter).

Halfway through a 10-year effort to improve the economies of the Least Developed Countries, aid by industrial donor countries to the "third world of the Third World" is declining, the report by the UN Conference on Trade and Development said.

Sinowatz visit to Italy includes talks on Tyrol

From John Earle
Rome

Chancellor Sinowatz of Austria had talks here yesterday with Signor Bettino Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister, on the first official visit ever by a chancellor of the Austrian Republic to Italy.

"We are two neighbours who ought to know each other better", he said. He is returning a visit by Signor Craxi to Vienna in February last year.

Among topics for discussion is the situation in the Alto Adige or South Tyrol, where the Italians have yet to complete implementation of a package of guarantees for the German-speaking population agreed with Vienna.

Relations between local Italian and German speakers have become more strained since the neo-fascists became the largest Italian party in the provincial capital of Bolzano in local elections in May.

Aids cases on schools staff shock New York

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

New York's education chief revealed that eight school employees, including teachers, have had Aids, and three of them have died.

He sought to show that in the country's largest school system, with more than 100,000 employees and 946,000 pupils, eight cases are very few: "the best indication that we do not have an epidemic here".

But in the present climate of fear of the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome some parents were horrified, particularly when they learnt that one of the victims, who has died, workd in a school cafeteria.

Mr Nathan Quinones, the schools chancellor, said that as far as is known there is now no employee with Aids in the school system.

In spite of the assurances of health officials and doctors that Aids cannot be spread through casual contact, many people are unconvinced.

In a nationwide poll conducted for *The New York Times* and the CBS television network published yesterday, half of those questioned think Aids is second most serious health problem, after cancer. Nearly half think the disease can be caught from a drinking glass, a third think it can be spread through kissing and more than a quarter by way of lavatory seats.

Anxiety about Aids is especially high among blacks. About a quarter of the 13,000 Americans who have had it are black, a reflection of the high number of needle-using black drug addicts.

● **PARIS**: The Paris Necker, hospital is treating 58 children for exposure to AIDS, Dr Claude Griscelli, a leading French immunologist said yesterday (Reuter reports).

He said his unit was caring for eight children with AIDS and another 50 who had been exposed to the virus. The patients, aged three to 15, represented about three quarters of all children affected by the disease in France

Family in feud for control of Gucci

Milan (Reuter) – A public showdown between members of the Gucci family over control of their famous fashion house was averted yesterday when a magistrate ordered the postponement of a shareholders' meeting.

The company chairman, Signor Maurizio Gucci, had been expected to face an attempt to unseat him by his uncle, Aldo, and cousin, Roberto.

Earlier this week a Florence magistrate, acting on an injunction from Aldo and Roberto, ordered sequestration of Maurizio's 50 per cent stake in the company. Aldo and Roberto alleged the chairman acquired his shares by arranging for a secretary to forge his father's signature after his death in 1983.

Drug smuggler falls to death

Knoxville, Tennessee (Reuter) – A drug smuggling skydiver loaded with $13 million (£10 million) woth of pure cocaine plunged to his death after his parachute failed to open.

The body of Andrew Thornton, a former police narcotics agent and US Army paratrooper, was found near a small airport here with two army-issue duffle bags containing 79lbs of cocaine strapped to his body.

ETA victim

Madrid (Reuter) – An American injure in a Basque guerrilla car bomb attack here on Monday died after two days in a coma. Ken Brown, aged 40, visiting executive of a pharmaceutical company was out jogging when he was hit by the ETA blast aimed at civil guards in a minibus.

Arson denial

Taipei (Reuter) – A British sailor, Robert Heaton, aged 28, from Sunderland, convicted of manslaughter and jailed for 10 years told a Taiwan appeal court that he had not deliberately started a fire on board a freighter which killed three people. The hearing was adjourned until September 26.

Duarte search

San Salvador (AP) – Troops and police raided 12 guerrilla hideouts here yesterday, capturing suspects, weapons and explosives in their search for the kidnappers of President Duarte's daughter.

Bonn envoy

Mr Richard Burt, aged 38, the former State Department official, this week took office as the US Ambassador in Bonn.

Extraditiondeal

New York (AFP) – A US judge has approved the extradition of former Italian intelligence official Francisco Pazienza, who is charged in Italy with involvement in the Banco Ambrosiano scandal and espionage. A former assistant to the director of Sismi, the Italian military intelligence service, he is one of Italy's most wanted fugitives.

Climbers killed

St Gervais (AFP) – A Scottish climber and an unidentified woman were killed in a rock fall on Mont Blanc. The man's name was not revealed.

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The black tide facing Botha

As South Africa offers citizenship to blacks in tribal 'homelands', **Michael Hornsby** reports on the country's main pressure groups pushing for rights

The embattled South African President, P. W. Botha, is constantly being urged to start talking to credible African, mixed-race coloured and Indian leaders. He retorts that he is in constant touch with black leaders – by which he means the rulers of the "independent" tribal homelands set up by Pretoria, Indian and coloured party leaders in the segregated parliament, and the like.

The main threat to the government, however, does not come from the generally impoverished rural homelands, where 12 million of South Africa's 22 million black Africans live, nor from the small numbers of Indians and coloureds who voted at last year's elections, but from the seething ghetto "townships" that fringe the cities and smaller towns of "white" South Africa.

No single group or leader can claim to speak with absolute certainty for a majority of the restless and voteless township residents, but several have real support. The black opposition is further hampered by traditional African tribal divisions, and the conflicting interests of town and country dwellers, reinforced by the systematic application of nearly 40 years of apartheid. There are also differences of strategy and ideology.

Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, the Zulu leader, has described such differences as "the biggest obstacle to liberation", claiming that without them "it would be a matter of weeks and months for us to launch such an attack on the system that whites would be brought to their knees".

AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

The most important underground organization is the African National Congress (ANC). Established in 1912 by largely middle-class and missionary-educated blacks, who contented themselves for decades with polite protests against discriminatory laws, the ANC became much more radical after the advent to power in 1948 of the National Party, with its policy of systematic apartheid, and led a mass civil disobedience campaign in the early 1950s.

In 1960, during the crisis caused by the killing at Sharpeville of 69 unarmed Africans protesting against the "pass laws" the ANC was banned, as was the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC), which had seceded from the ANC in 1959. The PAC's most charismatic leader, Robert Sobukwe, died in the late 1970s, and the organization now has little following.

In 1961, the ANC formed Umkhonto we Sizwe ("Spear of the Nation"), its military wing, of which most of the leaders were imprisoned in 1964. It did not become a force to be reckoned with again until the late 1970s, by which time, the ANC had acquired sanctuaries in the former Portuguese possessions of Mozambique and Angola, and had recruited into its guerrilla ranks several thousand black youngsters who fled into exile during the crushing of the 1976-77 uprising in Soweto and other black townships.

The Black Consciousness (BC) movement, inspired by a blacks-only ideology at odds with the ANC's multiracial approach, was the main influence behind the Soweto riots. It does not appear to have played much part in the current upheavals in the townships, which have been openly encouraged by the ANC from its headquarters in exile in Lusaka, the capital of Zambia.

Gathered forces: some of South Africa's six million Zulus demonstrating against apartheid in Durban last month

Most of the ANC's guerrilla training camps are in northern Angola. Shorter, specialized training courses are conducted in the Soviet Union and East Germany, important sources of both funds and weapons. The ANC operates in controversial alliance with the banned South African Communist Party (SACP), which is closely aligned to Moscow.

The ANC's political centre of gravity is somewhat elusive. Its public manifesto is still the 30-year-old Freedom Charter, adopted at the height of the 1950s civil disobedience campaign. It calls for a fully democratic, unitary state with equal rights for white and black. It also sets out broad socialist objectives, including nationalization of the country's mineral wealth.

The ANC's best-known figure is Nelson Mandela, now 67, who was first jailed for five years in 1962, for inciting blacks to strike and leaving the country illegally. In 1964, he was sentenced to life imprisonment for sabotage in a separate trial.

A confused picture of Mandela's current political views has emerged from interviews. In some accounts he appears as a pragmatic black nationalist, in others as a hard-line Communist, single-mindedly devoted to overthrowing the white regime by force. He has consistently refused to renounce violence as a condition of being released from prison.

The other dominant figure is Oliver Tambo, a softly-spoken former lawyer, who once ran a legal practice with Mandela in Johannesburg. President of the ANC in exile since it went underground, he is under pressure from younger and more impatient men to step up guerrilla attacks on "soft" civilian targets in South Africa.

UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT

Of the groups above-ground which support a total boycott of the existing political system, the most effective is the United Democratic Front (UDF). It was founded two years ago to mobilize opposition to the new constitution, introduced last year, which gives qualified parliamentary representation to coloureds and Indians, but not to Africans.

It is a loose, multi-racial alliance of hundreds of anti-apartheid groups, such as civic, youth, women's church, sport, cultural and trade union organizations. One of its most significant affiliates is the Congress of South African Students (COSAS), which has been very active in the township unrest and was banned last month.

Much of its effectiveness derives from direct involvement in local grass-roots issues, such as poor housing and schools.

AZANIAN PEOPLE'S ORGANISATION

The Black Consciousness tradition lives on in the Azanian People's Organization (AZAPO). Azania was the Arab name for the east coast of Africa and is regarded by many black militants as a more authentic name for South Africa. AZAPO was founded in 1977 after previous Black Consciousness Groups were banned. It's members have been involved in murderous feuding with UDF adherents over the past year, some of it probably stirred up by government "agents provocateurs."

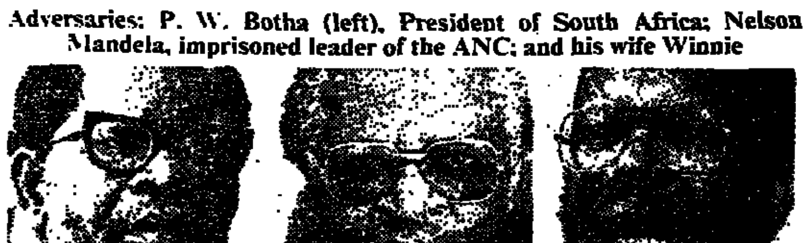
AZAPO has its own student and trade union affiliates, which belong to an umbrella organization known as the National Forum. Many of its leaders are academics and intellectuals and it appears to have only limited popular appeal.

It sees the conflict in South Africa as a class struggle in which whites are identified with the ruling class that must be swept away. This view leaves no room for the forging of alliances between blacks and white liberals. It is also wholly opposed to the idea of a "National Convention" where existing groups could thrash out a new constitution.

The UDF and the ANC might accept such a convention, albeit on terms that President Botha is most unlikely to grant – the unconditional release of all political prisoners, the lifting of bans on all political organizations, and the dismantling of all apartheid laws within a specified period.

Leaders in the front line

Adversaries: P. W. Botha (left), President of South Africa; Nelson Mandela, imprisoned leader of the ANC; and his wife Winnie



Advocates: Oliver Tambo (left), exiled president of the ANC: Bishop Desmond Tutu (centre); and Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, Zulu leader

INKATHA ORGANISATION

Occupying a position all of its own is the formidable Inkatha organization of Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, a descendant of the warrior-kings of Zululand, and the most effective leader of the six million Zulus who make up the country's biggest tribe. Lionized by many liberal whites, he is loathed by blacks of both the UDF and Black Consciousness persuasion.

As chief minister of the KwaZulu homeland, Buthelezi is regarded as a "collaborator" by radical blacks but argues that he has been able to use his position to build up Inkatha into an effective organization, while refusing to accept the "independence" Pretoria would like to foist on him or deviating from his ultimate goal of an undivided South Africa. He is opposed to economic sanctions and the current unrest, which he regards as counter-productive.

A number of other personalities are important less for their identification with any one political faction or philosophy, than as articulators of black grievances. Churchmen are prominent among them, the best known being Desmond Tutu, the first African to be appointed as the Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg and the winner of last year's Nobel Peace Prize.

Bishop Tutu has spoken out against the violence in the township, in particular the killing and burning of "collaborators", and has tried to act as a conciliator between the different factions.

Outside the church, Winnie Mandela, wife of the imprisoned Nelson, is the unquestioned first lady of the black opposition. For many years she has been banned, which means she cannot be quoted in South Africa, and banished to a small rural "dorp" in the Orange Free State.

Handsworth: no easy answers

COMMENT

Laurie Taylor

There's been some pretty desperate "motive mongering" going on about Handsworth in the last four days. Alongside all those who already have an explanation at hand (so far I've counted 15 different theories) are other groups, political parties, and individuals calling for an inquiry to establish the "real causes".

At such times no one seems too bothered about contradictory views appearing almost alongside each other. Immediately after the disturbances, it was perfectly possible to have the Chief Constable of the West Midlands declaring in one breath that this was "pure naked hooliganism", people "driven on by bloodlust", and in the next that "they're intelligent people – many of them". (Understandably perhaps, no chief constable wants to make his adversaries completely mindless; they must be allowed enough cunning to explain their evident ability to elude his clutches).

A major fire can create a carnival mood

Neither does anyone fret too much about fine distinctions between necessary and sufficient causes, or consider for a moment whether the causes they are proposing have been thrown out of court by every single study of urban rioting carried out in the last 20 years.

This desperate search for causes rests primarily on one assumption – that what happened on Monday night was very special. Indeed, the more extraordinary Handsworth can be made by reference to the happy carnival just two days before, the years of careful community policing, the relative racial harmony between blacks, Asians and whites in the area, then the more urgent becomes the need for a cause which will also be out of the ordinary.

But this can only be managed with the help of some selective memory. For although nothing exactly like Handsworth in scale has occurred this year, there have been several incidents which might well have escalated in very similar fashion. Only this August, *The Caribbean Times* spoke of at least three serious incidents in Toxteth, Liverpool, in 1985: one in which three policemen were injured and three panda cars smashed. In May, in Stoke Newington, North London, a major street fight involving police and blacks broke out in Sandringham Road. On February 20 in Dudley Street, Wolverhampton, "near riot" conditions reigned with five police officers injured and 22 people arrested (13 black, eight white, and one Asian).

It's difficult to judge the real severity of these outbreaks because of the police policy of keeping such matters under wraps in the hope that "copycat" incidents might be avoided. Clearly though, they had all passed well beyond the stage of an initial confrontation between police and suspects.

Because of their relatively minor nature we will never know the exact role played by unemployment, drugs, poor housing, alienation, Rastafarianism, racist or insensitive policing, in the genesis of these disturbances. But what if Handsworth differed from them only by virtue of the fact that it escalated? If this is true, then the only causes we need to attend to are those internal to the riot.

It is clear, for example, that the crowds of youths involved in the initial circumstance had immediate and possibly unexpected success in lighting fires (the explosion of oxy-acetylene equipment was a major factor in this). Evidence from America – from the times when the "Burn-Baby-Burn" slogan dominated the ghettoes shows how quickly a major fire confirms the potency of the rioters, how it helps to create a carnival mood (whatever the appalling consequences).

After this stage, looting becomes a natural next step. Many more people than the original crowd now become involved. "Ha! It was chaos. Everyone for himself. Everyone came out of their houses and started getting stuff", said a Handsworth resident.

No special cause is needed here. You don't have to come from a disturbed background or be a mindless hooligan infected with bloodlust in order to take things away from an open and unguarded shop.

One study during the last war showed that 42 per cent of the cases of looting were committed by men in official positions such as ARP wardens, police and auxiliary firemen. In Birmingham itself, in 1941 the police warned the public that the people responsible for a substantial increase in cases of larceny were the firewatchers.

We also know enough about the internal logic of contemporary urban riots to dismiss any suggestion that a pre-established plan might have caused the escalation and made Handsworth unique.

The other danger from too much concentration on special Handsworth causes rather than upon longstanding universal factors is that it may make solutions seem too simple.

Politicians would be unwise to predict the future

Much causal weight, for example, is being given at the moment to Handsworth's deprivation. But this ignores the well-documented finding that rioting and disturbances are most likely to be found not in zones of absolute, but of relative deprivation. It is this which has been used to explain the lack of trouble in the black ghettoes of America since the riots of the 1960s.

"People no longer compare themselves to people who are getting somewhere, and so a mood of apathy has descended on the ghettoes. They can be left to rot economically and socially without much threat of future conflagration", said Lea and Young in their book *What is to be done about Law and Order?* (Penguin, 1984).

If this theory of relative deprivation still holds then politicians would be unwise to predict the future quiescence of other urban areas on the grounds that their constituents were less disadvantaged than Handsworth residents.

During the late '60s an American academic summed up the problem of all black ghettoes: "They are sick and tired", he said, "of being sick and tired".

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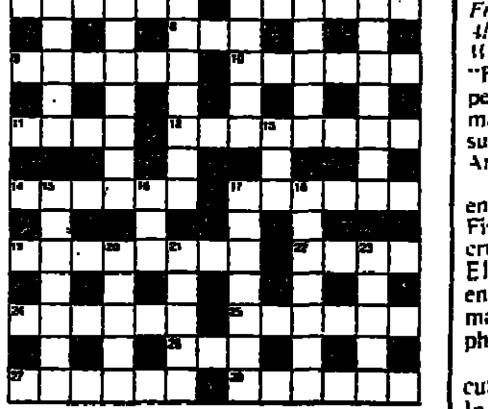

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- 22 Othello's ensign (4)
- 24 Rock layers (6)
- 25 Paridae bird (6)
- 26 West Country line (1,1,1)
- 27 Dally (6)
- 28 Provoke to fury (6)

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- 4 Cannabis cigarettes (7)
- 5 Cow teat (5)
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- 13 Surprised cry (3)
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How much fish is in a finger?

TALKBACK

From Caroline Walker, Aldridge Road Villas, London W11 1BP

"Fish fingers are an almost perfect product", you quote a marketing development consultant (Monday Page, Sept 2). Are they?

Here are the declared ingredients of a packet of "Cod Fillet Fish Fingers: cod fillet, breadcrumbs (with colours E124, E102), batter (with flavour enhancer, monosodium glutamate 621), vegetable oil, polyphosphates (E450).

Fish for fish fingers is usually cut from frozen blocks of fish. In the majority of cases these blocks have been treated with polyphosphates, water-holding agents which turn fish into a sponge, sucking water into the flesh. Water is cheaper than fish. The addition of 10 per cent water to the fish core of fingers sold in Britain (a conservative estimate) amounts to around 2,400 tons of undeclared water, with a "fish value" of some £6 million.

The Local Authority Co-ordinating Body on Trading Standards is concerned about the declining proportion of fish, and the increasing quantity of water and batter in fish fingers. When they were introduced in the 1950s, they contained about 80 per cent fish. Today the figure is around 55 per cent in some brands. There are no compositional standards for fish fingers, nor does the proportion of fish they contain have to be written on the packet.

From Dr Erik Millstone, Sussex University, Mantell Building, Falmer, Brighton, Sussex

Suzanne Greaves is right (Wednesday Page, August 21) to insist that food additives should be properly labelled, but that is only part of the story. We are entitled to know what we are eating, but we are also entitled to know how safe or toxic these chemicals are.

Unfortunately we are unable to gain full access to this information because of the Official Secrets Act. For example, in 1982 the Food Additive and Contaminents Committee recommended that acesulfame-K be permitted as an artificial sweetener after reviewing 33 documents from the manufacturer, all of which are unpublished and secret.

Even if all the data were published this would still not be enough. There are many cases where two governments review identical data and reach opposite regulatory conclusions. The government defends this use of the Act by arguing that it protects manufacturers' commercial secrets. No doubt it does do that, but regulations are for the protection of consumers and not manufacturers.

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FRIDAY PAGE

The dangers of dieting without a doctor's supervision

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Death by misadventure was the coroner's verdict on Wednesday in the case of Lesley Eaton, the Droitwich housewife who died suddenly after losing five stones in five months.

"In my opinion death was due to cardiac failure, due to malignant cardiac arrhythmias due to inappropriate diet", a pathologist told the inquest. Mrs Eaton, who was 29, had previously weighed 17½ stone.

Slimming, particularly if there is too sudden a weight loss, if the diet is unbalanced, or if either of these factors is associated with sudden severe exercise, can occasionally be fatal.

The reason for death in these cases is uncertain, but the most widely favoured theories are that nutritional lack results in an electrolyte imbalance. A shortage of potassium, magnesium or selenium is often blamed as low serum levels of these chemicals are thought to be an occasional cause of fatal cardiac arrhythmias.

The grossly overweight (in medical terminology the morbidly overweight) must resolve a dilemma. If they remain fat their life expectancy is reduced for they are more likely to suffer heart disease, strokes, high blood pressure, diabetes, gallstones, and many other problems ranging from varicose veins to cancers. If, on the other hand, they slim too drastically without medical supervision they may make themselves physically and mentally ill.

Planned weight reduction is a complex medical problem which needs careful thought and regular monitoring. Whatever other problems Mrs Eaton may have had, they must have been complicated by a nutritionally inadequate diet. Her reported daily menu comprised 775 calories. As well as being low in protein and carbohydrate it was low in most vitamins, including the all-important vitamin B group. The diet also lacked calcium and other elements. Experts consider it an unsatisfactory diet for continuous self-administration for five months.

Under hospital supervision a daily 660-calorie intake can be maintained. A golden rule for home slimmers is to limit an extreme diet to three weeks; a bizarre regime for such a short time is unlikely to do much damage.

Weight loss must be gradual; although under controlled circumstances it is permissible to lose 3lb a week, people at home should aim to lose no more than 2lb.

One of the most publicized slimming deaths recently was that of Mr Peter Wolff, the popular, articulate bon viveur who was Director General of the Conservative Party when Mr Edward Heath was Prime Minister. On becoming leader, Mrs Thatcher abolished the post. Mr Wolff amicably left for a life outside politics and decided he should become slimmer and trimmer.

He went to a health farm and he co-operated enthusiastically with the dieting and the exercises. He had not been there long when, after peddling vigorously up a hill, he decided to wait for his wife, lent his bicycle against a tree and died.

Violent exercise in those who are normally sedentary is a mistake, and more likely to kill if electrolyte changes following inadequate nutrition have made the heart irritable and prone to develop an irregular and inefficient rhythm.

Surviving a coronary is more related to the continuing of a regular rhythm than it is to the area of heart muscle affected by the blocking of the artery. Many cardiac arrhythmias deaths occur when the coronary arteries appear in relatively good condition.

Dieting has become an industry; as well as special food manufacturers it also provides an income for many doctors and their staff, writers, slimming clubs, clinics and health farms. When controlled, their power for good is considerable and much of the criticism levelled at them is unjustified.

Mrs Eaton's fatal diet
An example of one day's intake, which represents between 30-35 grammes of protein (the recommended level is 50 grammes): Breakfast: ¾ oz Rice Krispies and a pear; Lunch: lettuce, 3oz beetroot, two eggs, five crisp breads and an apple; Dinner: two fish fingers, 6oz baked beans, one apple, a calorie free drink.

Reputable and ethical practitioners feel they, and the low-calorie diet, are still having to live down the American disaster four or five years ago when a doctor put patients on what he termed his Last Chance Diet. Initially it was a great success. It was liquid, easily taken and even the most resistant patient lost weight. Only after several people died were enquiries made. The magic fluid was hydrolyzed collagen, the waste product from a glue factory. As a nutrient it was gravely deficient but, notwithstanding this, careful post mortems failed to discover why many of the victims died.

At St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, the metabolic unit is carrying out fundamental research into obesity and human metabolism. Professor Victor Wynn told *The Times* his unit had the longest continuous metabolic studies in the world and the largest detailed study of obesity in Britain. At St Mary's there is no undetected cheating or, as the hospital prefers to call it, "failure to comply with diet".

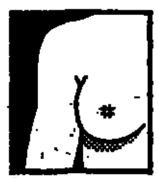
The system measuring all intake and output is so accurately computerized that within a day the professor knows if the patient has had extra food, for the estimated fat loss is not achieved. The research has found all obese patients can be successfully treated and all perform according to a predictable pattern.

There are differences between men and women. Men do not have areas of the body designed for fat storage so, when they overeat, excess weight is carried in their abdomen. Women, however, have difficulty burning off extra calories and are designed to accumulate fat as reserve stores for child bearing. This fat is more evenly distributed and thighs, buttocks, breasts and upper arms are ideal storage areas.

At St Mary's patients are carefully monitored before they start dieting. A continuous 24-hour ECG records their heart during all daily activities and detects any tendency to arrhythmia; their blood results are carefully scrutinized throughout dieting to ensure no deficiencies are developing, as the menu has been carefully devised by dieticians.

It is unlikely a person at home can receive this level of care, but the basic rules of a professionally prepared diet, careful monitoring and weight loss controlled to under 2lb a week can be observed. Professor Wynn has one other important warning: the home dieter can come to grief after the target has been achieved by gorging. This, too, can cause cardiac arrhythmias. The occasional "blow out" advocated by some writers is not a good idea.

Feeding dilemma



The number of babies for adoption is continuing to shrink as contraception improves and society accepts the unmarried mother: it is not surprising, therefore that women who do have the chance to adopt a new-born baby are prepared to go to extreme lengths to give the child a natural upbringing.

Although the practice has been observed since the days of Hippocrates very few people know that the breasts of a woman who has not had children can be stimulated to lactate. *The Lancet*, in a review of the techniques used by paediatricians to encourage lactation in adoptive mothers, suggests that the difficulties encountered by them and the uncertain outcome after many months' preparation means that only the most enthusiastic should be taught, and none should be pressed, to breast feed.

Adoptive mothers need extra fluids, and the breasts have to be stimulated by hand or mechanical pumps. One patient found that an ordinary milking machine from the cow-shed was the most efficient stimulator.

Doctors can prescribe hormones which imitate those produced naturally during pregnancy and after delivery, but their administration can cause after-effects, particularly thrombotic complications.

In carefully selected cases breast feeding by adoptive mothers is feasible as the milk is of reasonable quality, even if short in quantity; if necessary the baby's feed can be complemented by bottle feeding. *The Lancet* describes a system where a plastic bag is fitted with a thin tube so that the baby is able to suck it and the nipple simultaneously.

This suckling provides additional stimulation to the woman.

Fluoride benefit

Politicians who have grown tired of listening to and rehearsing the arguments for and against fluoridation of drinking water have some new ammunition in the battle. A report from Finland, published in The Lancet, *shows that added fluoride helps to prevent thigh fractures in the elderly and is particularly beneficial to women over 70.*

Research workers compared the fracture rates in two towns, one of which had added fluoride to the water to a strength of 1 mg per litre. In men and women over 80 a 40 per cent reduction in fractures was noted.

Although the maximum influence on the fracture rate occurred in the most vulnerable group – women over 70 – men benefited too but the benefits were spread more evenly over the years. They had been drinking the water for between seven and 17 years.

Fatal excitement

When doctors discuss with a patient the symptoms of coronary heart disease, they are as interested in chest pain induced by excitement as they are by any brought on by exercise. For, as Jock Stein's tragic death has illustrated, tension and drama can be taxing on the coronary arteries. Unfortunately, when it comes to testing the heart it is difficult to create excitement although easy to arrange an exercise treadmill test; patients with tension-related angina may therefore have a misleadingly normal exercise ECG.

Doctors have often noticed that a patient suffers a coronary just after the climax of an exciting incident; it was noticeable that Mr Stein had his attack in the closing minutes of the game when Scotland was already assured of a satisfactory outcome; punters at race meetings frequently have their coronaries while queueing to collect the winnings rather than when watching the race.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

DAILY ENERGY NEEDS

Food	Percentage of total allowance	Weight in grams (oz) Men	Women
Protein	11	69g (2.4oz)	55g (1.9oz)
Carbohydrates	52	325g (11.4oz)	260g (9.2oz)
All fats	32	89g (3.1oz)	71g (2.5oz)
saturated fat		28g (1.0oz)	22g (0.8oz)
Alcohol	5	18g (0.6oz)	14g (0.5oz)

Data are based on average allowances of 2,000 calories (8,373KJ) a day for women and 2,500 calories (10,467 KJ) a day for men. Source: BUPA.

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A Cusack family ceilidh

Pearson Phillips

reports on the youngest of the three sisters to take to the stage

Mike Abrahams

"A very special spirit": Niamh Cusack who will play Desdemona at Stratford

Whatever the collective noun for the Cusack family may be, a great dollop of them will shortly descend on Stratford-upon-Avon. Actor Cyril Cusack's third daughter is about to open as Desdemona opposite Ben Kingsley in *Othello*. The clan will arrive to back her up.

A ceilidh of Cusacks, perhaps? Or a seanachas (a Gaelic word for stories – something the Cusack's are not short of) which is roughly pronounced "shannachus". When dealing with the Cusacks you find yourself roughly pronouncing a lot of things. Their names, for instance.

Sinead (Shinaid) is the eldest daughter, who was "Jane" before she was sent to a Gaelic-speaking primary school. Likewise the next girl, Sarah, became Sorcha, which fellow actors usually render as "Securicor" or "Sirocco". You win points by getting it right: "Surracha", with the accent on the first syllable.

There is then a 10-year gap to the Royal Shakespeare Company's new 26-year-old star Niamh, pronounced Neeve. No Gaelic school can be blamed for that one. By the time she came along, Cyril Cusack and his late wife Maureen had become so embedded in Gaelic culture that they plumped for a straight Irish name with no English equivalent. Niamh was a legendary Irish princess from the Land of the Ever Young. According to Yeats, "A citron colour gloomed in her hair", which may be why Niamh spent so much of her early life having lemon juice rubbed into her head by her mother. It seems to have worked. She has fine golden hair, like her legendary namesake.

There is also a touch of the "ever young" about her. "She is a very special spirit", her sister Sinead said. "With a rare, outgoing quality." Sorcha calls it a "freshness and openness to life, a delight in all things and people".

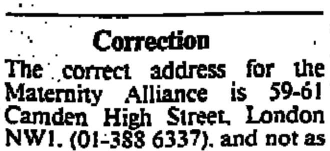
These three girls (there is also a 16-year-old half-sister, Catha, from Cyril's second marriage) are bracketed by Paul, the eldest, who directs for Irish television, and Padraig (pronounced Porek) the baby, who is the front-of-house manager at the Wigmore Hall. The girls hope that Padraig will run a theatre one day, so that they need never be out of work.

The play performed at this theatre, obviously, ought to be Chekhov's *Three Sisters*. They seem either to have been acting in it or living some kind of Irish version of it all their lives. Their upbringing was what they all call "highly structured". It was a conscious effort by Cyril and Maureen to guard against the rootlessness and instability which they saw as a threat to happiness. Even today Cyril laments about "the star dressing room – my prison and my home". For the children there was to be a proper, solidly-rooted home, bedded in the warmth of Gaelic culture, with regular progress through the school system.

This home was a rambling bungalow called Clonquin, in a seaside village south of Dublin called Dalkey (pronounced door-key). There were two donkeys, chickens, a large garden, sea bathing, picnics and a dog called Wadi (pronounced Wuddy) with a penchant for biting visitors. Cyril Cusack paid for 42 suits damaged by Wadi over the years. During a period of banishment up north Wadi added to his tally by biting both a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary and a Catholic priest, thus demonstrating his freedom from bigotry.

They were all launched on thoroughly respectable careers which had little to do with acting. After the Gaelic primary school the two older girls went to a boarding school run by English nuns. Sinead eventually found herself heading for an academic career, studying English at Trinity College, Dublin. Sorcha did a Diploma in Education and began to teach.

Niamh and Padraig are the musicians in the family. Niamh was born with pneumonia and suffered from asthma. Her mother heard about a child who had been cured of chest trouble by taking up a wind instrument, so Niamh was put to learning the flute. It cured her chest, and she played in the Irish Youth Orchestra when she was 12 years old; she won a scholarship to the Royal College of Music in London five years later.



Sinead (left) and Sorcha

Chekhov's three sisters yearned for Moscow; the Cusack girls looked towards London as the place where youth and ambition could be satisfied. Sinead walked out of her university career, after an argument with her tutor about Milton's *Paradise Lost*. She was the first to establish a London bridgehead. Sorcha followed.

Neither had formal training. "We learned on the job, like my father", Sinead said. Both are now established actresses: Sinead, married to Jeremy Irons, expects her second child in October. Sorcha, who met her husband, the actor Nigel Cooke, in a Roundhouse production of *The Duchess of Malfi*, has just had her second baby, Beth. For Niamh, in the throes of giving birth to Desdemona, the move to acting was a more belated and traumatic experience.

She hadn't enjoyed the Royal College, emerging into London from a sheltered Irish life and was appalled at the cut-throat atmosphere surrounding professional music. She boarded with Sinead who remembers Niamh practising the flute for five or six hours a day in her room, stamping her feet, jumping about and roaring at not getting the effects she was after: "The world for her was either full of sunlight or full of gloom".

But Niamh finished the course, married the cellist Roland Saggs, and returned with him to Ireland, where he found a post with an Irish radio symphony orchestra.

He was not happy in Dublin and they moved back to London. But she was not happy there. "I found myself sitting in a room in Thornton Heath struggling to work and teach. I knew it wasn't right. I was even beginning to lose the joy of playing the flute."

So, at the age of 23, having held acting at bay for so long, she made the conscious decision to give it a go. Roland encouraged her.

"I kept it a secret from the family at first. I knew they would be appalled. I started by doing improvisation classes at the City Literary Institute, an adult education centre in Covent Garden. Every Saturday at two o'clock, I would go for an hour-and-a-half of voice, an hour-and-a-half of movement, and an hour-and-a-half of acting. It was my little haven at the end of the week. London didn't seem so hateful."

She had lied to get in. Entrants were supposed to have done a lot of amateur work, but she had never acted in her life.

At the end of the course she was accepted by the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and announced to her shocked family that she had given up being a musician and had decided to become an actress. "I was afraid she would change", Sorcha said. "I feared the things in Niamh which are unique would not survive all the stresses of getting on in our business." Sinead says she saw "All the fine, glowing, lovely things about her being ground down". But both sisters are now fully supportive and encouraging. Niamh cut short her Guildhall course, leaving after one year "to learn on the job".

The father of the clan, Cyril Cusack, determined to provide a stable home

"I was full of cockiness", she says. "So I wrote to The Gate in Dublin. It was where my mother had started off and my father had played there. They offered me the juvenile lead in their summer play."

She was offered the role of Irina, in Kaspar Wrede's production of the *Three Sisters* at Manchester's Royal Exchange Theatre. When she met Terry Hands of the RSC to talk about Othello she was "tongue-tied". But Desdemona was hers.

"I think of her as a very young, clear-sighted person, fully of joy and love, but very positive. She is intelligent, passionate and very certain, someone aware of her attraction as well, who enjoys being a woman among men and has a sense of humour. Everything I'd like to be . . ."

The Royal Shakespeare Company production of Othello *opens at Stratford on Sept 24 (0789 295623).*

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Correction

The correct address for the Maternity Alliance is 59-61 Camden High Street, London NW1. (01-388 6337), and not as printed in Wednesday's *Times*.

FAMINE RECOVERY FUND

"THERE HAS TO BE CHANGE"

"The most overwhelming feeling that I had in coming to Ethiopia is one of anger — that this kind of situation could ever be allowed to happen in a world that is bursting with food.

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Glenda Jackson has just returned from Wollo province in the north-east of Ethiopia.

In many of the feeding camps one child in three is seriously undernourished. Despite the enormous international relief efforts the famine is far from over. Of course we must continue to supply emergency feeding and clean water and this means that we must ask for more money from the British people.

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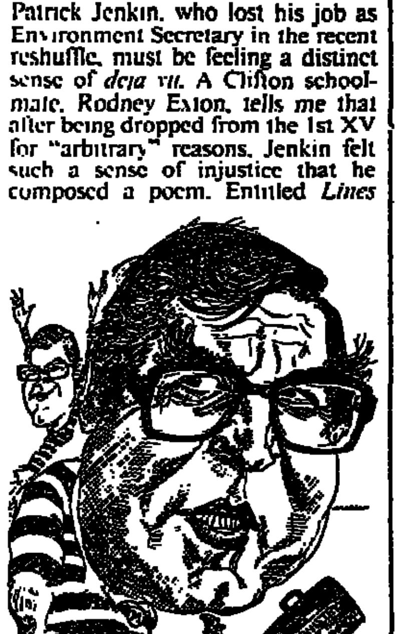
THE TIMES DIARY

Retired hurt

Patrick Jenkin, who lost his job as Environment Secretary in the recent reshuffle, must be feeling a distinct sense of *deja vu*. A Clifton schoolmate, Rodney Exton, tells me that after being dropped from the 1st XV for "arbitrary" reasons, Jenkin felt such a sense of injustice that he composed a poem. Entitled *Lines*



Written on Receiving Unmerited Dishonour, and published in *The Cliftonian* under the nom de plume Unwanted, it was something of a prophetic lament:

Life's an eternal miserable grind.
Of futile worthlessness.
Why need one care for earthly prizes
Transient as a fitful gust of wind
Which, while the waiting sailor stands
Touches with a single soft caress
His eager cheek, his outstretched hands,
Then all at once is gone.
Proud achievements are but poor disguises
Muffling with a cloak of glory
Voices, which tell the old, old story.

Jenkin's place was taken by a boy named Peter Young, who went on to captain England. Kenneth Baker should take heart.

Party pooper

David Owen may have addressed the SDP without notes but he was nearly accompanied to the platform by armed police. An hour before he rose to his feet, security forces were put on the alert after police lost track of a car with Dublin number plates. A computer error was discovered just in time and the extra guard was called off. Nothing, however, scuppered a hoaxer who persuaded Palace Hotel staff in Torquay to awaken guests with unordered – and unwelcome – cups of coffee during the early hours. Night waiters got an earful.

● **A Berkhampsted reader is mystified by David Owen's claim to represent the politics of tomorrow. Owen has just sent a letter to his mother-in-law, who died five years ago.**

And so to ted

After Noddy Rupert Bear is now being condemned as racist. The Inner London Education Authority's latest anti-racist bulletin cites a story about Rupert going to the jungle and meeting a native: "He speaks the strangest language heard and Rupert doesn't know a word/ He chatters loudly and rolls his eyes. "Oh this is dreadful!" Rupert cries." Funny, I never thought of Rupert as a racist teddy

Prescience

PC Plod seems to be psychic. The police staff college at Bramshill near Basingstoke – which trains senior officers in the finer points of handling public disorders – last year launched an exercise in which a prime minister was attacked in a seaside hotel. Three months later, Mrs Thatcher's suite in the Grand Hotel, Brighton, was bombed. The latest operation involved dealing with several people trapped in a burning building during a riot. This week two Asian brothers were burnt to death in their Handsworth post-office. I will not disclose details of the next operation: just in case.

● **The Commons is not sitting, but nothing seems to be exercising MPs more than the new telephone system. Tony Speller (Tory, North Devon) tells me: "An MP, or his secretary, can now dial-a-disc and listen to their 'favourite' hits while the telephone indicates that he or she is very busy."**

Poor indicator

Transport Secretary Nicholas Ridley who, I discover has 2,000 shares in Jaguar, may soon be in for an uncomfortable ride. Jaguar wants to build a new £2 million supply road out of its Coventry plant. Local residents plan to lodge an official protest, however, which is likely to lead to a public inquiry. Guess whose department the inquiry committee will report to? Ridley's. It now looks as if Ridley who tells me he specifically instructed his stockbroker to buy the shares post-flotation, will find his little flutter coming unstuck. "I will take it seriously amiss if you suggest I am anything but totally scrupulous and honest" he told me. "I only have a tiny bit of capital. I am a very unwealthy man." Yesterday his office said that in the event of a conflict the matter would be passed to his junior minister, Lynda Chalker, but I suspect Ridley will now feel obliged to sell his shares forthwith.

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Spies: Britain's example to Nato

by Brian Crozier

The defection of the Soviet spy chief in London, Oleg Gordievsky, is the most important event of its kind since the expulsion of 105 of his colleagues by the Heath government in 1971. Gordievsky himself must be regarded as the biggest catch ever for our own security and intelligence services.

His predecessor, Arkady Guk, who had been named at the trial of Michael Bettany, the ex-MI5 man, as KGB station chief in London was expelled but left with his secrets intact. Gordievsky is telling our authorities what he knows.

The expulsion of 25 Soviet officials is the first concrete consequence. There will be other consequences, not necessarily to be revealed to the British public. Gordievsky was in a position to know, for example not only the identities of his own KGB or GRU (military intelligence) colleagues but, more important still, the names of their British contacts.

These would include not only such Britons with access to secret information, but equally important those who act as Soviet agents of influence, spreading disinformation and airing views beneficial to Soviet policies in the media or in Parliament.

Prosecutions of the former might well follow, but the latter are relatively secure, for it is not an offence in any western country to be an agent of influence, even if on a Soviet payroll. Moreover, our notoriously ferocious and fickle law of libel inhibits the public fingering of such people except under parliamentary privilege – as Mr (now Sir) Stevens Hastings, the Conservative MP, did during the last Labour government about trade union contacts with the Eastern bloc.

The 25 new expellees may have included two who were present as "observers" at the recent TUC Congress. The international department of the Soviet "trade union" organization, not to be confused with the much larger international department of the Central Committee, has a standing brief to keep files of British and other western trade unionists who look like possible KGB recruits.

The expulsions have to be seen against the background of a Whitehall decision taken at the time of the mass expulsions of 1971: Soviet "diplomats" expelled for "activities incompatible with their status" (the standard formula) are not replaced; thus, by a process of attrition, the permitted number of Soviet personnal in this country has been considerably reduced over the years.

When four Soviet spies were expelled last spring, the permitted ceiling of Soviet "diplomatic" respresentation in the UK was reduced from 43 to 39. Somewhat brazenly, the Soviet ambassador, Viktor Popov, on June 4 formally sought Foreign Office permission to increase the number of accredited diplomats in London. Sir Geoffrey Howe turned a stony ear.

In this sphere, at least, Britain leads the West, for this realistic practice is not emulated by other Nato countries. Even France has not followed suit, although the Mitterrand government expelled 47 spies two years ago.

As for the United States, President Reagan is known to favour what I call the "principal of equivalents", but has not yet turned his wish into a policy decision. On June 29, in his weekly radio address, Reagan drew attention to the "huge apparatus" of Soviet spies in the US and to their attempts to influence public opinion. Claiming that between 30 and 40 per cent of the 2,500 Soviet bloc officials in the US were known or suspected intelligence officers, he called for a "balance between the size of the Soviet diplomatic presence in the United States and the US presence in the Soviet Union".

The Americans, on this score, have a built-in handicap with which we happily are not burdened. About 800 Soviet officials are accredited to the United Nations and as such can move freely across the United States, unlike restricted embassy personnel.

A high proportion of the Soviet UN staff in fact work for the KGB or GRU, as confirmed by the Soviet UN defector Arkady Shevchenko. One of the most prominent was Viktor Lessiovsky, who was thought to be the KGB chief for the western hemisphere. Moreover, the Russians maintain a huge consulate-general, with a staff of about 100, in San Francisco, whose presence other than for technological spying is not easy to fathom. All this has created a truly grotesque disproportion between the US and the USSR.

Another vulnerable country is neutral Switzerland. Some months ago the *Journal de Geneve* carried two linked articles about Geneva as a major spy centre, making the important point that "Switzerland shares with the United States the privilege of being the only countries *in the world to harbour two KGB* and GRU networks."

In my view, the West should never be squeamish about kicking out Soviet and Eastern bloc spies. In most countries, although demonstrably not in Britain, foreign ministries fight shy of such drastic action on the plea that it might damage relations with Moscow. In fact, any resulting cooling of relations is strictly cosmetic.

The Soviets may make indignant noises and even expel Britons, Frenchmen or Americans tit for tat, but if they are interested in talks, the fact that Soviet personnel have been unmasked is, quite simply, irrelevant. It is surely time all allied countries followed Britain's excellent example and adopted the sound policy of equivalence.

William Bader calls for statesmanship in the Eisenhower mould

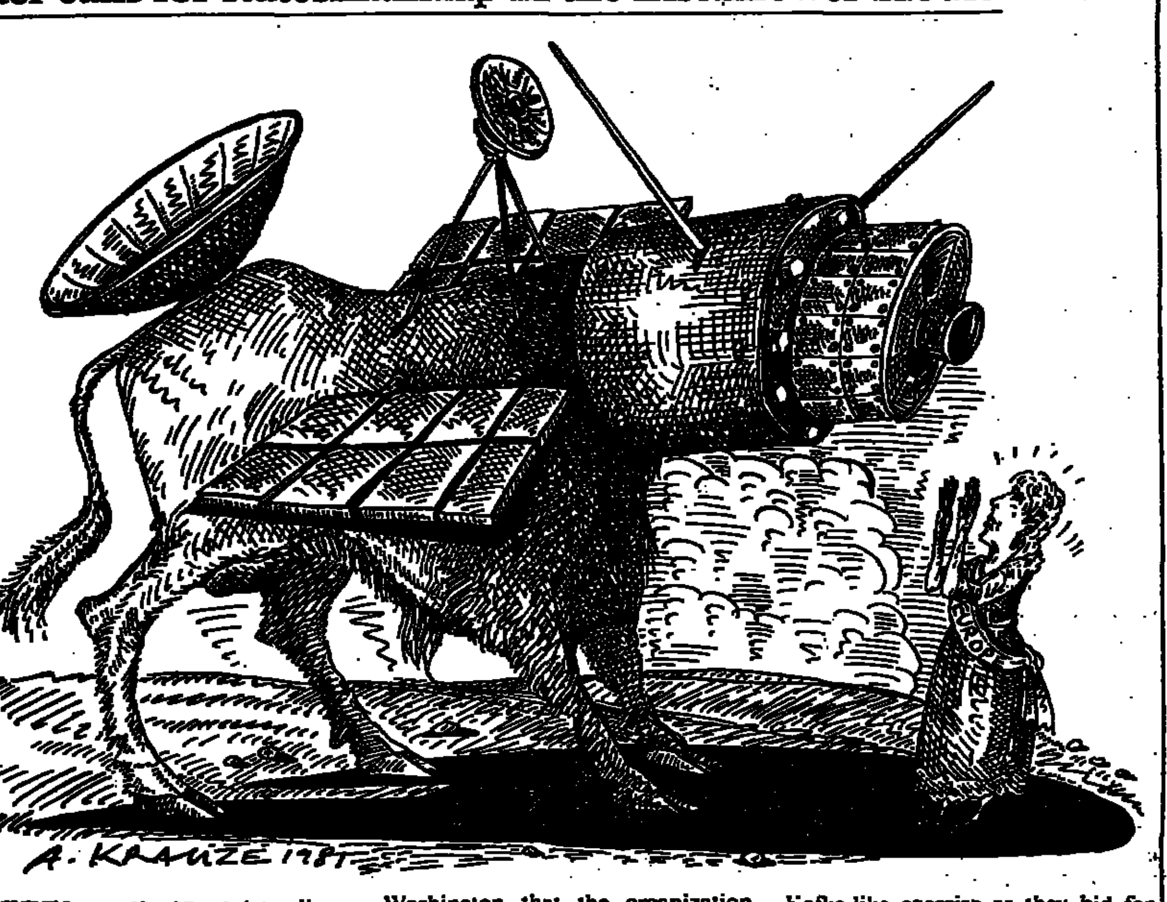
Star Wars: why Europe must get more than crumbs

President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) raises anew the troublesome old problem of technology exchange between the US and Europe. As long ago as January 1958, President Eisenhower cited the need for the US to cooperate with the allies in closing the technological gap opened by Russia with Sputnik:

"It is wasteful in the extreme for friendly allies to consume talent and money in solving problems that their friends have already solved – all because of artificial barriers to sharing," he said. "We cannot afford to cut ourselves off from the brilliant talents and minds of scientists in friendly countries."

Eisenhower's words are particularly awkward in the light of 1958 amendments to the Atomic Energy Act. Rather than providing guidelines for sharing nuclear weapons resources with all the allies, these sought to bring Great Britain alone into a special nuclear relationship with the United States. The head of the Atomic Energy Commission explained to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: "We admit, to ourselves, that we want to discriminate among our allies, but we cannot admit it to them. Now the way to handle this situation is for you gentlemen [the Joint Committee] to write some criteria into the law that we can use as a basis for our refusal to treat all of our allies alike." The Committee obliged and a legislative *base of rank discrimination in* nuclear sharing was laid down which brought Britain into the "special (nuclear) relationship" and delivered to France a major rebuff.

Although the SDI $25 billion pot of gold is far larger than its 1958 antecedent, Britain – despite the rush of nostalgia in Whitehall for 1958 – may well fail to receive preferential treatment this time in Washington.



The intriguing array of elements comprising the SDI programmes – including surveillance, acquisition, tracking and kill assessment, Directed Energy and the Systems Concepts/Battle Management Programme – is an extraordinary confluence of emerging technologies. They show such commercial "spinoff" potential that Europe believes it must either play an active role in SDI, counter this technological challenge through Eureka or some kind of state-subsidized research, or even try to do both. SDI's *emphasis on exotic new* technologies – artificial intelligence, high speed and "error free" computers – represents a major assault on Europe's competitive postion in high technology.

What Britain needs, and is presumably seeking, is an arrangement with the United States which will give British industry an unfettered bidding opportunity on the SDI programme with the *assurance that no unreasonable* obstacles to technology transfer or work-sharing will be placed before it. But there are problems of timing and formidable psychological and bureaucratic obstacles that seriously jeopardize any notion of a "special relationship".

Margaret Thatcher and Michael Heseltine, who surprised official Washington with their vigorous insistence on a guarantee of two-way *technology flow as a condition for* British participation, should take note of the cancellation of a major US-European industry meeting to have been held at Colorado Springs at the end of October. One hears in Washington that the organization holding the meeting, the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization (SDIO), was told by the White House that discussion of European cooperation in SDI must be postponed until the government-to-government agreements are in place *and* the Reagan-Gorbachov summit is history.

In addition, many in the American scientific military community believe that British engineering and science is not up to American standards and more fit for a role of "technological sharecropping" sub-contracting work in which British firms do only menial, technologically trivial tasks. The innovative skills of a Plessey in software and error-free computers or a Marconi in new materials and synthetic aperture radar, to cite only two examples of robust British work in SDI-related research, have thus far been unrecognized and unappreciated by the SDI establishment.

The bureaucratic and adminstrative barriers to two-way technology flow are daunting. British industry should recognize that unhindered access to the classified technological SDI programmes will be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to achieve. Moreover, Europeans are not fully aware of the Competition in Contracting Act of 1984 – legislation that will make both classified or unclassified work a Kafka-like exercise as they bid for shares of the US programmes.

The management of the SDI programmes has all the attributes of a Manhattan Project conducted on the stage of the Palladium. There are signs of confusion and lack of direction, and SDIO preoccupied with selling and soothing, has devoted little time to the business of practical arrangements.

The best American and British intentions are likely to be confounded by what Eisenhower recognized in 1958 as "artificial barriers to sharing". The combination of British fantasies of "a special relationship" and apparent American indifference to the ways and means of two-way cooperation may well lead to frustration and eventual embitterment as British industry discovers the limits of technological sharecropping.

What is required is strong political resolve in the president's office worthy of Eisenhower's vision and courage to ensure that Europeans will share and not merely serve in the SDI process. The immediate aftermath of the Reagan/Gorbachov summit would be an appropriate occasion for such an affirmation. Europe is once again looking for vision and courage from an American president.

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How the Maoity have fallen

China's Communist Party officials, for decades the enforcers of discipline and austerity, are turning to corruption. Their declining probity accompanies a loss of power and charisma, and to some Chinese is a mark of the "spiritual pollution" which has seeped through the door newly opened to the West.

Since late 1983, security service executioners have been shooting embezzlers and swindlers, but few if any party members have been forced to wait on their knees for a bullet in the back of the neck. Two recent scandals reveal the depth and scope of party complicity in what are called "unhealthy practices". The most spectacular occurred on Hainan, an island with a population of five million near Hong Kong.

Hainan is very poor and for two years the central government has allocated *it substantial amounts of* foreign exchange to buy vans and trucks to help build a modern infrastructure.

What followed was a 14-month spiral of lending, borrowing, re-lending and re-borrowing of 1.5 billion US dollars; the money was used to buy 90,0000 cars, three million television sets and 250,000 videorecorders from Hong Kong; they were then trans-shipped to the mainland where millions of newly-rich peasants and entrepreneurs will pay almost anything for imported luxury goods. An official sent from the mainland to restore financial order said: "This exceeds the total number of cars legally imported into China *in a year, and has cost Hainan ten* years worth of foreign exchange."

What particularly surprised the authorities was that the entire enterprise was run by party officials. Banks and other financial institutions on the mainland, were involved. So was the navy, which helped ship the illegal merchandise. The whole operation was overseen by Hainan's three top party officials who have made full, if self-serving, confessions.

In the far richer Fujian province, on the mainland, 27 of the 41 leading party officials, including the judicial and police chiefs in the same region, have been exposed as the kingpins of a fake medicine racket. The overlord of the operation was especially well-placed: the secretary of the party's provincial discipline commission. According to *People's Daily*, the conspiracy escaped detection for three years because Chengti, its centre of operations, has been held up to the entire province as a model of new-style enterprise and prosperity.

What is exposed here, besides the vast sums involved, which put China in the first division of world-wide corruption, is the change in status of local party officials. For years they have enjoyed unequalled comfort and prestige. These are now slipping away

Chinese Communist Party members are publicly hailed for their self-sacrifice and revolutionary-style plain living. For decades, however, they have been entitled to wholly legitimate *te-quan* – special privileges such as better housing, food, medical care, children's education and the use of cars. But the economic reforms of the last five years, particularly in the countryside, mean that many peasants are now much better off than party officials. *Te-quan*, in short, are no longer especially special. It is hardly surprising, therefore, that some party members are putting their own interpretation on the party exhortation "to get rich is glorious".

Unlike ambitious peasants, fish farmers, builders, and factory managers, party leaders are rapidly losing their power or, as is made clear in fields, factories, and mills, "the party is stepping back". People who not long ago had the sole last word in local affairs tell visitors with forced enthusiasm that nowadays they provide "advice, encourage*ment*, and *the benefits of* our experience". Their places are being taken by young, technically qualified graduates, the sort of managers favoured by Deng Xiaoping and the other pragmatists, who hold their jobs for three years and will lose them if they don't produce. The "iron rice-bowl," the job for life, has been shattered.

Some party men are fighting to hang on to their vanishing powers, to show that like other Dengist models they can deliver the goods. The three Hainan party embezzlers claimed in their confessions that they had misused party funds to enrich their backward island. The Physical Culture Commission, for instance, *had used at least some portion* of its illegally aquired money to build a new stadium.

This quaint form of building socialism compelled the disciplinarian from the mainland to say: "We cannot give approval to such illegal acts even though those involved did not put money in their own pockets." But it is clear from the charges that little of the $1.5 billion was used for the public good.

Deng Xiaoping and his associates, bent on quadrupling production by the year 2000, endure a drip-drip of criticism from Maoist adversaries who claim that the new individualism has led straight to corruption. It is alleged that some party members, animated by the "Get Rich" slogan, are using their network of relationships and mutual obligations to their own advantage. To some extent this is true. After decades of Maoist derision and humiliation of intellectuals and experts the party became top-heavy with generalists long on dogma and rhetoric and short of modernising skills. Deprived of power they have turned to crime.

Somewhat defensively, the Dengists have taken to repeating almost daily that the "open door to the West" will remain open and that individual enterprise must be encouraged. This explains why the Hainan conspirators were compelled to include in their confessions that it was not the new economic policies but bad judgment and criminal intent which led them astray.

Jonathan Mirsky

David Watt

Of age: now for a key to the door

The first reaction to the "image" debate at the SDP conference is that nowhere else on earth would a serious political party spend half a morning agonizing about its own class affiliations and accent. The second is that it was very illuminating. Shirley Williams declared afterwards that it proved the party had "come of age", but actually it was much more like listening to the musings of a talented adolescent – the same consciousness of latent power, the same prickliness, the same tension between idealism and slightly shame-faced practicality.

The analogy can be carried further in that the SDP still tends, like the teenager, to confuse two closely related but distinct questions: "What sort of a person am I?" and "What sort of persona should I present to the world?"

It is a commonplace to say that political parties need to define themselves in terms of the ideals, identity and interests of their activists, otherwise nobody would ever work for them. And also that they need to adapt to the ideals and identity and interests of the public, otherwise only a minority would vote for them. But it is a sign of immaturity to suppose that the link between these two propositions can be forged without compromising either an ideal inner identity or an ideal public image, or both.

One can confidently agree that the SDP is growing up. All the outward signs of adulthood were to be seen at Torquay – the elaborate, professional conference arrangements, the confident speech-making, the presence in large numbers of elected councillors realistically discussing local politics. But on the Torquay evidence, the party has not yet solved the central problem of producing what might be called an integrated personality. It has simply shelved it. Some members have gone away assuming "If we follow our heart (which, as we all know, is situated on the left of centre) worldly success will automatically follow"; others will pursue an attitude which, if it is not exactly cynical, has worldly success much more clearly in view.

The question can be approached from several angles. The argument which has been raging for three years about where the votes for the big SDP breakthrough are supposed to come from has clearly not been settled. Everyone can agree that SDP success depends heavily on dissatisfied Conservative voters, but in many constituencies (David Owen's in Devonport, for instance) a big ex-Labour vote is essential. But what will make former Thatcher or Foot/Callaghan voters seek refuge elsewhere? The answer seems to be that in the one case it will be the unemployment figures and boredom with Mrs Thatcher herself; in the other, possibly concern about the trade unions and the extreme left, possibly doubts about whether Kinnock looks like a prime minister.

Although stronger than it was, this is a precarious structure for a new party to rely on, but the central aspect from the SDP's standpoint is that it is lopsided. Given the general economic outlook, Labour supporters are more likely to return *to their old loyalties at the next* election, whatever the SDP may offer them (which is actually not much in concrete terms). That last point is crucial. Sue Slipman was no doubt right when she said on Tuesday: "The poor and impoverished don't care what our accents are, only what we deliver."

But she missed the reality of the electoral situation. This is (a) that the poor and impoverished are much more likely to believe extravagant Labour promises than responsibly cautious SDP ones; and (b) that there are not enough genuinely poor and impoverished voters to swing the balance anyhow. Affluent Labour voters may be another matter but their preoccupations are not, on the whole, idealistic. It is the issues of law and order, education and possibly the unions that will get them going, if anything does, not an improved supplementary benefit system for people other than themselves.

The moral is that there are more votes to be picked up, and kept, by the SDP on the right than on the left (though in particular seats and even regions things may look different) and a policy package which competes with the Conservatives for the allegiance of the young and upwardly mobile (horrid phrase) by stressing dynamism, sensible modernity and hope is more likely to garner votes where they are up for grabs than one which makes a meal of compassion, let alone "traditional Labour values".

For this reason, David Owen must be correct to try to keep the party's weight more on the right foot than on the left and to project as much of his own image as the party will allow. Impatient, competitive, anti-establishment but at the same time understated, rational and, at his best, open-minded, he looks more and more like the embodiment of a set of attitudes whose time is right. He does not have to put on a mask or assume an image for reasons of electoral advantage; he is what he is. There is some truth in the accusation that what he is has affinities with a humanized and less *ideological version of Mrs Thatcher*, but that does not make it ineffective.

But although this image is entirely acceptable to party activists, as Tuesday's "image" debate made almost embarrassingly plain, there is still an important minority who are uncomfortable with a programme and a leader facing in that direction. Many of the most vociferous are middle-class idealists for whom welfare economics and Croslandite egalitarianism, softened a little by the passage of years, is the political starting point.

Nearly everyone is trying manfully to elide these difficulties, because they can sense, while they regret, that Croslandism is not the wave of the future, either intellectually or electorally. Owen is trying to help them by talking about "the new politics", a gloriously vague label under which all conflicting points of view within the party can be hidden, if not actually forgotten. At the same time he is pulling out the stops on the idealistic issues that really interest him. It is not accidental that these – disarmament, human rights, the environment – are universal enough to be desanitized from party political taints, old and new, and therefore do not cut across the thrust of his main strategy.

The other half of that strategy – his determination to find himself in *a strong and independent position in* any tripartite negotiations with David Steel and Mrs Thatcher/Neil Kinnock after the next election – is another story. Meanwhile he is riding high, and his party, if a little uneasy, is enjoying the ride.

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moreover . . . Miles Kington

Caveman Islands, Incorporated

"Cocker" Leakey, the well-known East End Cockney palaeontologist, has been out of the news for a while, but when I heard that he was throwing a press conference for his new TV series, *It's Yer Actual Missing Link, Innit?*, I sped down as fast as I could to the lounge bar in his local, the Skull and Trowel, for the big event.

As we filled our glasses with pints of foaming Great Dockland Bitter I begged him to refresh my memory on his theories.

"Palaeontology has always been in the hands of the middle class – right? – so they've always interpreted it in a middle-class way. Original man was an upwardly mobile tool-owning entrepreneur, they tell you. Or he was a suburban dweller with his semi-detached cave, and nasturtiums in front. But it wasn't like that at all."

"Right," I said, as it all came back to me. "Original man was actually a football-supporting creature, roaming vast distances to attend away matches and laying waste everything *in his path. Homo Millwallicus, you* called him."

"Well, that's what I called him in my last series, *Not Just a Pretty Skull*. That's what I *used* to call him. But the producer put it to me that if we were going to make another series, I'd have to come up with a quite different idea, otherwise TV and me would kiss each other goodbye. And luckily, I came up with *this*."

He showed me a grey fossil, a tiny stone disc rather like a piece of Greek small change.

"What is it?"

"What is it? Blimey, this is something that stands all previous known theories on their head. It's something that proves that the very first man who strode the earth was a property developer. Homo, Homo, & Homo Ltd, I call him. He moved into desirable areas and let them out *at enormous profit* to his less intelligent colleagues."

"And this tiny bit of grey stone?"

"It's a primitive contact lens, that's what it is. 3,500,000 years old, I shouldn't wonder. We've found loads of these in conjunction with fossilized olive stones, shrivelled martini leaves and desiccated seaweed crackers. What we've got here, mate, is a cocktail belt millions of years old. These early property developers were the very first form of intelligent life we know about."

"Yes, but surely you couldn't see through a solid stone contact lens?"

"I'm not saying they had everything worked out. Of course there were snags. But on the basis of this primitive attempt at a contact lens, we've reconstructed a whole prehistoric culture based on estate agents, bent accountants and big landlords. Neanderthal country clubs, too, I bet they had."

"And how does this fit in with your theory of man as a football supporter?"

"Use your loaf, mate. These property developers leased out vast areas of Africa and Egypt, right? But they didn't maintain their properties. They let them develop into slums, just like they always do. They became full of vandals and tearabouts, and all that, and pretty soon Homo Millwallicus developed in all his glory. Blimey, how do you think the Olduvai Gorge came to look like the wreck it is today, full of rubble and trash? Because it was done over by Homo Millwallicus, that's why. But that's far too obvious for your actual middle-class palaeontologist to see, of course."

Cocker ordered another two foaming pints and put it on my bill.

"Another thing," he said. "Homo Millwallicus went on his rampages because he was largely unemployed. Well, you've only got to look at present-day Birmingham . . ."

"Hold on," I said. "This is getting a mite controversial."

"Bleeding media folk," he said. "One sniff of controversy and you back off like a temp secretary at her first office party. Sometimes I wonder if my day will ever come."

("Cocker" Leakey's new series starts next Tuesday on BBC-2, repeated Fridays, reprinted in The Listener, *published in book form by BBC Publications and starting all over again on BBC-1 in 1986.)*

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TIMES PAST THE TIMES

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SPYING IS IN THEIR BLOOD

Since it is generally accepted that many Soviet citizens resident in London are either professional KGB officers or agents of military intelligence (GRU), the expulsion of twenty five assorted diplomats, journalists, trade officials and humble drivers does not come as a great shock, even if it is the largest number to have been packed off home to Moscow since Sir Alec Douglas Home expelled 105 in 1971. Yet the timing of such diplomatic scandals is important. Certainly the Kremlin's media and fellow travellers will argue that coming when is has, it must mean that the reactionary Tory government is attempting to sabotage the November summit between President Reagan and Mr Gorbachov. Moscow has already made such accusations about the Nato Brave Defender exercises.

This of course is nonsense. If the summit is to have any meaning, it must be based on realities and not on diplomatic niceties.

According to earlier defectors, Britain is regarded as a tough posting for ambitious young KGB officers, since despite the relatively high rate of expulsions, their superiors still expect them to fulfill their recruitment plan for agents. Diplomatic protests are not enough to contain this espionage offensive, now being waged on an unprecedented scale; pseudo diplomats should be expelled and the level of Soviet officials granted diplomatic immunity should be permanently reduced by the same number.

Following this sensible policy has meant that genuine diplomats in the Soviet Embassy are overworked as the KGB and GRU continue to demand a large share of the available postings. It means too that KGB officers increase their use of journalistic cover and GRU agents appear more frequently in the guise of Aeroflot or merchant navy officials, no longer enjoying diplomatic immunity and therefore risking arrest and imprisonment.

Moscow usually tries to retaliate on such occasions but because the number of British subjects in the USSR is much smaller, and they are too closely monitored to indulge in undiplomatic activities, tit for tat expulsions are generally little more than gestures to save face. Doctor David Owen suggested yesterday that while it was right to expel spies caught red-handed, the least said the better. High-level dialogues should continue, he said, leaving these matters to the rival intelligence services. This line of argument ignores the fact that Soviet subversive activities in the West are initiated and approved at the very highest level. The Soviet system does not keep the intelligence services in a tight little underfunded corner; it is permeated through and through with intelligence officers.

The head of the KGB, General Viktor Chebrikov, is a full member of the ruling Politburo, while the Defence Minister, Marshal Sokolov, who bears final responsibility for GRU operations, is a candidate member. The deputy premier Mr D Geidar Aliev, another Politburo member, won the rank of major general for his services in the KGB. The present foreign minister Mr Eduard Shevardnadze entered the Politburo after gaining the rank of general in the Ministry of Internal Affairs, a stage in his career when he cooperated closely with the KGB.

With such a leadership it is clear why Soviet citizens allowed to travel abroad are informed that it is their patriotic duty to co-operate with the KGB if approached. The minimum price of an exit visa is a report about interesting contacts made while abroad. The east/west dialogue must of course continue but when Mr Shevardnadze or Mr Gorbachov come to Britain, they should not be portrayed as innocent of the unacceptable behaviour of their subordinates. They have sent the orders.

FOCUS ON THE FACTS

It is not social frustration we are talking about, says the Home Secretary, it is crime. No, says Mrs Shirley Williams, it is the social despair induced by the Government's neglect. Mrs Clare Short, a Birmingham MP, agrees with her: it is what the Thatcher experiment has given us. Whatever political point these observations have, they are defective for the very obvious reason that any explanation of the Handsworth riot embraces both: it issued in serious criminal acts with some criminal antecedents, and it partook of the rejection of the social order that is associated with colour-conscious, jobless urban deprivation.

It is appropriate for Mr Hurd to emphasize the criminality of the outburst. Such crimes as mob attacks on firemen and policemen, looting and arson encompassing death cannot be excused or condoned by reference to general social grievances however real they are. Those responsible for these crimes must be identified so far as that is possible, charged, tried and punished according to law. Concern to restore and preserve tranquillity in the district should not stay the hand of the police in the vigour of their criminal inquiries or of the courts in the justice of their sentencing. Nor should any inquiry into the riot, public or otherwise, be such as to impede those proceedings.

Mrs Thatcher: "The best way to see things don't happen again is to find those who did it and put them before the courts." That too says less than is required. It is necessary but not sufficient to demonstrate that injury and destruction of that order is not committed with impunity. The Government has to attend also to the conditions giving rise to a propensity to break out in gang behaviour like this, and to the scope and efficacy of its policies affecting those conditions. That calls at the very least for a review of the cost-effectiveness of its urban programme, and in particular of the £20 million extra that has gone into Handsworth in the past few years. The urban programme was not conceived merely as a form of insurance against disorder in the streets; it sprang from a wider concern about the condition of the people. But it received an impetus from the 1981 riots and Lord Scarman's comments on Brixton.

An internal Whitehall review is indicated, which does not need on this occasion to be accompanied by a wide-ranging inquiry into the origin and background of the night's events in Birmingham. A great deal is now known or assumed in a general way about the association of social breakdown or public violence with negative urban conditions: high concentrations of ethnic groups, actual or perceived discrimination against them, bad housing and tatty surroundings, minimal job opportunities in a descending scale of white/brown/black, misfired schooling, prevalence of a drugs culture, patterns of petty crime, all the problems of policing by consent. Retracing the familiar background influence of these factors on the outbreak at Handsworth would be of small assistance in sharpening policy.

The first need, for chief officers of police and community workers and the "caring professions", is to know what were the elements that ignited this riot and how they combined. The general public too is entitled to a definitive narrative from which conclusions may be drawn, especially concerning the adequacy of the initial response of the police force about which the residents and shopkeepers of Lozells Road are understandably aggrieved.

The chief constable of the West Midlands is already engaged on the material for such an account. The dimension of independence added by the Home Secretary yesterday should increase confidence in the result without inflating the inquiry into a review of the general state of Handsworth or getting entangled with criminal inquiries. It remains that the inquiry should proceed speedily and the report be published in full.

IN SEARCH OF A GOOD LOSER

The general election due in early 1987 is already casting its long shadow over the political landscape in Bonn. In recent months, with Chancellor Helmut Kohl still appearing to slip on banana skins with remarkable regularity, the opposition Social Democrats (SPD) have begun to look for the first time as if they have at least a sporting chance of running the conservative-liberal coalition close in 1987. In the person of Herr Johannes Rau, the Premier of North-Rhine Westphalia, the SPD has a possible candidate for Chancellor with more obvious popular appeal than its present leader, Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel. In a recent poll, forty three per cent of those asked said they would vote for Johannes Rau if there was a general election tomorrow; only thirty two per cent said they would vote for Helmut Kohl.

Yet Herr Rau has not so far agreed to be formally nominated as his Party's Chancellor-candidate for 1987, and the last fortnight's ructions inside the SPD suggest that the banana skins are far from being all on Chancellor Kohl's side of the house. The SPD's veteran treasurer, Herr Hans-Jürgen Wischniewski, has resigned in a blaze of acrimony, declaring publicly what has long been known privately: that the party is plunging deeper and deeper into the red (financially speaking). Politically, the SPD has been sucked into a damaging row about a supposedly confidential working paper drafted by the president of the party's committee for security policy, Herr Andreas von Bulow. Von Bulow's suggestions for radical change in Nato defence strategy, the partial conversion of the Bundeswehr into a Swiss-style reserve militia, and the eventual withdrawal of American missiles and troops from the territory of the Federal Republic, have been gleefully seized on by the government as a welcome diversion from its "spy scandal."

But the row over the von Bulow paper is not merely a short-term setback. It reflects an acute underlying dilemma for any would-be SPD Chancellor. The party is in fact still as deeply divided on security policy issues as it was when "the ship left its pilot" – Helmut Schmidt – on the issue of the cruise and Pershing deployments. The views canvassed inside it range, in British terms, from the left of the Labour Party to the right of our Social Democrats. It would take a fudger of genius to combine them in a half-way plausible electoral platform. This tension is exacerbated by the party's evident desire and need – expressed most clearly by Willy Brandt – to woo back some of those mostly youthful, eco-minded, anti-nuclear and often anti-American voters who have gone over to the Greens. In short, the SPD is still doing the splits.

Although Herr Rau's pronouncements on security policy have been studiedly vague, his general instinct is clearly to lead the party back into that middle ground where West German elections have traditionally been won; to reconstruct, as it were, the party of Helmut Schmidt. This would clearly be in the long-term best interests of the SPD, the Federal Republic and the Western Alliance. But it is by no means clear that he can do this in the little more than a year remaining before the next election. Despite Herr Kohl's undistinguished personal performance, the electoral arithmetic is still basically on the Chancellor's side, the FDP cannot credibly abandon him, and he has the ace of vote-winning tax cuts up his sleeve. Probably the SPD needs another general election defeat to bring it back to its centrist senses. If so, perhaps Herr Rau would be well advised to let someone else lose the next election. And who better than the present SPD leader, Herr Vogel? After all, he has done it before.

Before the coroner

From Dr Michael J. Powers

Sir, With reference to the uninformative report (September 6) of the inquest into the death of the Queen's organist, John Porter, an important point of principle is raised.

The circumstances surrounding a violent death are ascertained at an inquest by the oral examination of witnesses on oath. To facilitate the admission of evidence which is unlikely to be disputed, the coroner may now admit documentary evidence provided the requirements of the Coroners Rules 1984 are satisfied. There is an inalienable obligation on the coroner to announce the full name of the maker of the document and a brief account thereof must be given.

Only in the absence of objection of an "interested party" may such evidence then be admitted. The rules require that the evidence be read aloud.

Only in exceptional circumstances should a coroner exercise his discretion to direct that written statements be not read aloud, for neither the public nor the Press must be denied the right to hear the evidence upon which the verdict is reached.

Your most obedient servant,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lessons to be drawn from Handsworth disorders

From Professor Stafford Beer

Sir, The Home Secretary (on television last night) described the Handsworth riot as "criminality, pure and simple", and said he despaired of those who make connections between riots and unemployment. Certainly riotous behaviour is criminal; equally certainly it is not "pure and simple". Nor can the relevance of unemployment be pooh-poohed just because there is no causal link.

We are dealing with an exceedingly complex societary system, in which a large number of factors contribute either to peace and quiet or to something less than that. The present Government has been intervening in the fundamental balance of these factors, changing their nature individually, and altering the relationships between them. The Prime Minister calls her Government "radical"; indeed it has severed the very roots of our society. She has called the riots "utterly appalling". So they are: no less predictable for that.

Consider. The industrial base of our economy has been profoundly eroded, without regard to social consequence; enterprises owned by the public have been asset-stripped, and fortunes pocketed by the financial manipulators of these legalized depredations; the education system has been demotivated to the point where teachers (who set example) are themselves in rebellion (who should care? – the Education Secretary called teachers "mad" in any case); the policemen who were once called "wonderful" are an armed and paramilitary force....

Here are a few factual examples, couched in the terms that many people use. Who shall gainsay their usage? Only those for whom debate is not available, because There Is No Alternative – as we have solemnly been taught.

As long as the Home Secretary can despair because the world of his responsibility does not fit his and the Prime Minister's simplistic account of it, so long will some of their sad subjects also despair.

Yours faithfully,
STAFFORD BEER,
The Athenaeum,
Pall Mall, SW1.
September 11.

From the Chairwoman of the Liberal Party Community Relations Panel

Sir, As much as one admires the courage of Mr Douglas Hurd in attending the scene of the Handsworth riots, it has to be said that the vandalism and violence to which he was subjected was partly the result of his being the Minister responsible for the police.

As much as one would like the luxury of another Scarman enquiry, the underlying findings of Scarman are as applicable to the Handsworth riots as they were to Brixton and Toxteth. The need for an enquiry should not stall the urgent need for governmental action.

When the police themselves are perceived as a contributory cause to the rioting, how futile for the Home Secretary to be expected to calm lawlessness. When the Home Secretary is the Minister who signs the deportation orders, how inappropriate for him to seek to appeal to the better nature of the underprivileged minority communities.

When will this Government realise that race relations, far from being, as Mrs Thatcher puts it, a question for the elders of the minority communities, are a fundamental issue which cuts across the existing Departments of State?

Scarman has already drawn attention to the contributory causes of unemployment, poor education, alienation and mistrust of the police which bear differentially upon the elements of our pluralist society. Local remedies may be part of the solution, but there is now a clear need for a centralising governmental agency to deal with race relations.

The Home Secretary cannot do this, and his attempts can prove inflammatory. What we need is a junior Ministry attached to one of the other Departments of State, perhaps Environment, which can be charged with centralising these issues, and which is not subject to the pressures to police and deport the ethnic communities.

Yours faithfully,
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Chairwoman, The Liberal Party's Community Relations Panel,
1 Whitehall Place, SW1.
September 11.

From Mr Martin Pawley

Sir, I am sure you will be in receipt of many commentaries and explanations for the tragic Handsworth riot from your readers.

However many you choose to publish, one simple matter must not be ignored. Moral or immoral, legal or illegal, dealing in cannabis was the economic basis of survival for the black Handsworth community – just as stocks and shares, banking and insurance are for the City of London or Wall Street.

When the police smashed the drug economy in Handsworth this spring they created the same kind of desperation as the collapse of stock prices created on Wall Street in 1929.

Inner city areas divested of economic opportunity of any kind cannot be expected to die quietly. The lesson is simple. If you don't like drugs think of something else – DeLorean cars, Lear Fan – but don't mistake plain economic repression for anything more exotic or sinister.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN PAWLEY,
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September 11.

From Mr Cedric N. Jeffries

Sir, Your extracts from other papers report cries of indignation and disbelief about events in Handsworth. They show a complete lack of understanding of what has been going on for many years.

My knowledge of Villa Cross and its surrounding areas extends over a lifetime of 72 years. I was in dental practice five miles away in Kingstanding for 42 years, and only moved away one year ago.

Tension has been building up for two to three generations. It started as a simple fear among families from the West Indies that they were being discriminated against. Real and imagined greivances have grown in their minds until a small minority are ready to do violence when they imagine they have been provoked.

One or two unfortunate incidents took place last Monday to trigger off resentment, rapidly growing into violent reaction which got out of hand. Similar unfounded fears must exist in areas such as Toxteth and Brixton.

To solve this paranoid situation one must remove these irrational fears, and make the holders of these delusions realize that the powers that be are not their enemies. All remedies must be geared to this basic cause.

Yours etc,
CEDRIC N. JEFFRIES,
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Irby, Wirral, Merseyside.

From Mr E. J. Lacey

Sir, There will, I am sure, be a flood of comment on the Handsworth riots; but may I make three points?

1. The claim by black "community leaders" that the appalling violence was sparked off, and somehow justified, by police investigation of a motoring offence is so preposterous as to pass belief.

2. If all media reports are not to be totally discounted, West Indian youths brutally attacked Asians and their property. Yet a "black leader" had the brazen effrontery to say, on television, that relations between the two communities were "excellent" and the crimes committed were the fault of the police. So now we know: if A attacks B, a third party C is responsible. What sublime logic!

3. In these situations, liberal-progressives instantly scream "unemployment" – often linking it to Tory policies. Yet I cannot see a single sane employer engaging even one of these feckless and dangerous youths we have seen on our screens. And short of a marxist dictatorship with total control of the economy (a solution no doubt welcome to the left), no employer can be compelled to do so.

Yours faithfully
E. J. LACEY,
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September 11

From Mr B. A. Young

Sir, Is it not probable that the sudden outbreak of violence in what has been reported as the peaceful district of Handsworth is connected with the constant showing on television of similar events in South Africa?

Yours faithfully,
B. A. YOUNG,
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Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
September 10.

Prayer book usage

From the Bishop of Oxford

Sir, I should be grateful to your Religious Affairs Correspondent for giving such generous attention to my letter in one diocesan magazine about *The Book of Common Prayer* (August 29). I do not wish now to retract any of my remarks that he quoted, but simply to put the record straight.

It was *not* my intention to "attack" the *Alternative Service Book* as a whole, nor have I any desire to associate myself with an "exasperated campaign" on the part of the Prayer Book Society. I take part frequently in well-attended services according to the ASB and have never believed that one can worship God only in the language of another century.

Nevertheless, the official position of the Church of England is that *both* the Prayer Book and the ASB are to remain available for our worship and private devotion. It is a notable ambition which I applaud, but it is not easy of fulfilment.

My letter was intended to promote serious consideration of how it could be achieved, and I thought the best point from which to start was the Collects whose memorable glories have no parallel in modern English.

Modern furniture is sometimes more serviceable than antique, but seldom as beautiful (and imitation antique is usually horrible). We should be thought mad if we simply threw the antique away.

Yours etc,
PATRICK OXON:,
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27 Linton Road, Oxford.
September 2.

Alliance leadership

From Mr S. B. Kibbey

Sir, Mr Adam Butler, MP, is not an ordinary SDP or Liberal voter, I am. His concern about my disenfranchisement is touching but misplaced. I do not passionately prefer one David to the other but I do passionately prefer either of them to Mrs Thatcher or Mr Kinnock.

More importantly I want to see the management of our social and economic problems rescued from the class-based dogmatism of the Conservative and Labour Parties.

Yours faithfully,
S. B. KIBBEY,
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Datchet, Berkshire.
September 11.

Veal calf farming

From the Director of Compassion in World Farming

Sir, Contrary to the inferences drawn in your article of August 27 "Veal calves 'still reared in crates'", Compassion in World Farming is not prepared to align itself with militant tactics. Our policy has not changed. We are opposed to gratuitous violence and the destruction of property. We believe that our aims can only be achieved through legislation and education.

While CIWF will continue its political campaigning, we have decided to apply for charitable status for our educational work under the auspices of the "Athene-Trust".

Yours faithfully,
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Industrial disease

From Mr David Gee

Sir, Might I correct an error in your article about "Women workers suffering stress injury in silence" (*Times*, September 5)? Tenosynovitis (with two "o"s, incidentally, not one) is already a prescribed industrial disease, thanks to previous union efforts to help their members, but the full range of repetitive strain injuries, including carpal (two "a"s not one), tunnel syndrome, which are prescribed in Australia, are not so here: hence our campaign.

Carpal tunnel syndrome is sometimes compensated under DHSS regulations if the doctors consider it to be a sequela of tenosynovitis, but not if it arises as a separate disease.

The most shameful aspect of this story is that, like occupational deafness, it has a 100 year history, from the cotton twisters' disease in the Lancashire textile mills to data processors' disease in Japan. In both cases the cure, ergonomic design, has been available, but neglected.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GEE,
National Health and Safety Officer,
General, Municipal, Boilermakers & Allied Trades Union,
Thorne House,
Ruxley Ridge,
Claygate,
Esher,
Surrey.
September 6.

Freedom to drink

From Dr D. R. Grey

Sir, Dianne Hayter (September 7) in her plea for "greater reassurances" that a change in the licensing laws would not result in an upsurge in alcohol misuse, might be advised to take an objective look at the evidence available.

The only firm conclusion which can be drawn from the Scottish experience is that there has been an increase in consumption by women, which is an understandable social trend. Comparisons with Continental countries are problematic, but certainly should not encourage those who believe in licensing restrictions. Sweden, which has very strict controls, has a much worse problem than this country.

Two important causes of alcohol misuse are: (i) drinking at home; (ii) drinking spirits (as opposed to beer or wine). Alcohol Concern would spend its energies more fruitfully looking at the causes of these trends. The abandonment of permitted hours, and the encouragement of drinking in the supervised environment of a public house, would be likely to have a beneficial effect in combating these two trends.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GREY,
43 Endcliffe Hall Avenue, Sheffield.

Mid East refugees

From Mr John Stebbing

Sir, Disintegration in the Lebanon, the steadily increasing unrest in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and the deep financial crisis in Israel create a grim enough prospect in the Middle East. On top of this, the problem of the Palestinian refugees is increasing in scale and severity.

The recent fighting has displaced 68,000 more Palestinian refugees. Registered refugees now total just under 2.1 million, about a third of them in the 61 camps distributed throughout Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, the West Bank and Gaza Strip. To deal with this situation UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency), is still short of more than $5 million to fund the 1985 budget which has already been cut down to a precarious level.

The schools are in a dangerous tumbledown state, there are far too few of them, so that three-quarters of the buildings serve two schools working in double shifts. But despite this, and constant interruptions, their achievements are equal to any others in the region.

The clinics also perform the most remarkable service in equally meagre and difficult circumstances: there has been no major epidemic in 35 years despite the six destructive wars and frequent disturbances.

Most contributing nations have registered the further pleas to balance the vital 1985 budget. But the US, Sweden, Australia and Finland have made second contributions. Surely, the EEC countries could now close the gap? Otherwise UNRWA will be entering the new year with only some $8 million in hand – not nearly enough to meet the January payroll of its 17,000 workers.

As if all this were not bad enough, it now looks as though UNRWA will need $20 million *more* in 1986 than has been pledged this year, simply to maintain a minimum programme for the one trusted and functioning instrument of peace in the Middle East.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN STEBBING,
Fair Beeches, Burcot,
Near Abingdon, Oxfordshire.
September 7.

ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 13 1823

George Graham, a professional balloonist was often accompanied by his wife Margaret, self-styled, "Her Majesty's Aeronaute"

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ASCENT AND DESCENT OF MR. GRAHAM'S BALLOON

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It will be in the recollection of many of our readers, that about three weeks ago Mr. Graham advertised his intention of ascending in a balloon of varnished lawn, from the gardens of White Conduit House, Islington, and that he was prevented from carrying that intention into effect... Mr. Graham determined, notwithstanding his previous failure to offer himself a second time to the public, as a candidate for aeronautic distinction, and in consequence issued various placards and advertisements, informing the idle, and curious inhabitants of London of the determination to which he had so manfully come. Yesterday was the time, and White Conduit House the place appointed for this new attempt at aerostation... At ten minutes past five every preparation appeared to be complete; Mr. Graham and Mr. Sadler were in the car, the sandbags were placed in their proper situation, the flags were unfurled, and nothing seemed wanting but the order to let go the ropes. That order could not, however, be given on account of the foolish obstinacy with which several well-dressed persons, who ought to have known better, thronged about Mr. Graham and his bold associate... At last, however, a small space was cleared about the balloon. The cords which attached it to its moorings were then withdrawn, and it began slowly and gradually to ascend. It had not, however, raised itself many yards above the ground, before its course was impeded by a rope which had been left hanging between two of the poles to which it had been fastened whilst inflating, and which certainly ought to have been withdrawn before an ascent was attempted. After hanging against this rope for some time, it fell over against one of the poles, and remained in that situation for about half a minute. In all probability, had time been allowed, it would have cleared that obstacle by its own force; but some individuals thinking that if they could pull the pole a little to one side, all the difficulty would be obviated, proceeded to hawl it towards the ground, and by so doing bent it so incautiously that at last it snapped and broke. The upper part of the pole fell to the earth, but the other part rebounded with great violence against the balloon, and cut a hole in its surface of nearly a yard in length. The balloon was then about to rise, but in consequence of a cry set up by the people who had observed the rent made in it, was pulled back by those who were more immediately round it. Mr. Graham and Mr. Sadler both insisted that those who detained it should loose their hold, but in this demand they met with no support from the voice of the public. On the contrary, many persons were loud in their exclamations that on no account ought they to be permitted to persevere in their attempt to rise in so frail and tattered a vehicle. The constables, however, who were stationed in the gardens, seemed to hold a different opinion; and though they had been remiss before in keeping back the people, now exerted themselves very strenuously in producing that effect. The balloon was then again left to its own powers; it made an attempt to lift itself above the ground, but did not succeed in gaining any height, on account of the quantity of gas which by that time had evaporated. Indeed, it fell to the earth almost immediately; the people then rushed in upon it, threw it upon one side, and were rapidly forcing the gas out of it, when Mr. Sadler jumped out of the car, and by threats and entreaties induced them to desist from the task which they had undertaken. On Mr. Sadler's leaving the car, the balloon righted and gained an erect position, and Mr. Graham again declared his intention of mounting in it to the upper regions, if it were capable of carrying him there, of which he said that he had no doubt whatever. A short conversation then passed between him and Mr. Sadler; at the close of it Mr. Graham pulled off his coat, flung it to one of the bystanders, and very gallantly ordered his friends to leave hold of the ropes. His command was instantly obeyed. The balloon then rose perpendicularly into the air, amidst the shouts of the spectators in the gardens, which were soon re-echoed by those of the persons without. It proceeded slowly towards the north-west, and after continuing to ascend in that direction for about five minutes, was observed to commence a very rapid descent towards the earth. A feeling of great alarm then began to pervade the different individuals in the gardens; and so great was the anxiety excited for the fate of the aeronaut, that in a few seconds they were quite deserted, and every body was seen hastening in the direction in which he appeared to fall. They had soon, however, the satisfaction to learn that their fears were without foundation, and that Mr. Graham had reached the ground in safety in a gravel-pit near Barnbury-park...

Neglected composers

From Mrs Susan M. Barnard

Sir, I have followed with interest the recent correspondence regarding neglected composers, but have been very surprised that no-one so far seems to have mentioned the English composer, Sir Edward German (1862-1936).

German was named by Sir Arthur Sullivan as his natural successor and he was highly regarded by Sir Edward Elgar. Yet his works are seldom performed nowadays and recordings of them are virtually unobtainable.

Dare we hope for a revival of his music next year, to coincide with the fiftieth anniversary of his death?

Yours faithfully,
SUSAN M. BARNARD,
4 Egerton Drive,
Hale, Altrincham, Cheshire.

Glories recalled

From Mrs J. Kathryn Walsh

Sir, Two of my teaching colleagues have a bungalow called Burnham Rise. They obviously live in hope.

Yours faithfully,
KATHRYN WALSH,
118 Healey Lane,
Batley, West Yorkshire.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 12: The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Mr Maldwin Drummond at the Memorial Service for Mr Charles Blake which was held at the Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields today.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 12: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this morning opened the British Veterinary Association and 4th European Veterinary Congress at the University of Exeter.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Vice-Lord-Lieutenant for Devon (Lieutenant-Commander John Holdsworth, RN) and the President of the British Veterinary Association (Mr J. Blackburn).

In the afternoon The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips visited the Slade Centre at Sidmouth and was received by the Founder and Administrator of the Centre (Mrs E. Svendsen).

Her Royal Highness, attended by Mrs Richard Carew Pole, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 12: The Prince of Wales visited the 48th Tactical Fighter Wing, United States Air Force at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, Suffolk today.

His Royal Highness, attended by Major Jack Stenhouse, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Prince of Wales, Patron, the English Chamber Orchestra and Music Society, accompanied by The Princess of Wales, this evening attended the Society's Silver Jubilee Gala Concert at the Royal Festival Hall, London, SE1.

Their Royal Highnesses subsequently attended a Buffet Supper at the Banqueting House, Whitehall.

Mrs George West and Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, RN were in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
September 12: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy, attended by Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard, left Gatwick Airport London this afternoon to visit the United States of America for the opening events of the British Festival of Minnesota at Minneapolis/St Paul.

Upon arrival at the Airport, Her Royal Highness and Mr Ogilvy were received by Mr James Hogan (representing the Ambassador of the United States of America), Sir Donald Logan (Special Representative of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), Mr Andrew Kynock (Station Manager, Gatwick, Northwest Orient Airlines Inc) and Mr Vernon Murphy (Deputy Director, Gatwick Airport, British Airports Authority).

The Prince of Wales will visit Texas from February 17 to 21 next year to mark the 150th anniversary of Texas's independence. He will visit Dallas and other cities.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Vanessa Ayer will be held at St James's Church, Piccadilly, at 11.30am on Friday, September 20.

Birthdays today

Miss Jacqueline Bisset, 41; Miss Claudette Colbert, 80; Sir John Coulson, 76; Mr Roald Dahl, 69; Sir George Engle, QC, 59; Baroness Fisher of Rednal, 66; Lord Flowers, 61; Professor Sir John Gunn, 69; the Duke of Hamilton, 47; Lord Kenyon, 68; Sir Michael Perrin, 80; Sir Thomas Risk, 63; Robert Sheldon, MP, 62; Mr John Smith, QC, MP, 47; Mr James Stuart-Smith, 66; Sir John Turing, 90; Lord Weidenfeld, 66; Air Marshal Sir Peter Wykeham, 70.

Soirée

Royal Society of Arts
A soirée was held in the Royal Society of Arts' House last night. The guests were received by Mr Martin Moss, chairman of council, and Mr Peter Andry, chairman (designate) of the music committee. The society's music scholarships for 1985, were awarded to young professional singers and string players.

Service dinners

Royal Army Ordnance Corps
The Director-General of Ordnance Services, Major-General G. B. Berragan, and officers of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps held a corps guest night last night at Deepcut. The guests included Major-General M. Matthews, Engineer-in-Chief (Army), Major-General J. D. W. Goodman, Director Army Air Corps, Major-General J. L. Bartlett, Paymaster-in-Chief, Major-General P. Juliam, Commander Divisie Logistick, Belgian Army and the Mayor of Surrey Heath.

HQ RAF Support Command
Air Marshal Sir David Harcourt-Smith, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, RAF Support Command, and members of Brampton Park Officers' Mess held a dinner last night. The guests included Air Chief Marshal Sir Alasdair Steedman, Controller of the RAF Benevolent Fund. Group Captain D. W. Maurice-Jones presided.

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Sister Superior.

Biplane ace recalled as guest of honour

Air Marshal Sir Victor Groom, aged 87, preparing to leave RAF Northolt yesterday for West Germany to be the guest of honour at his old squadron's seventieth anniversary celebrations.

The photograph, right, taken in 1918, shows Sir Victor as a lieutenant in the observer's seat of a Bristol Fighter in France. He earned one of his two Distinguished Flying Crosses while serving with No 20 Squadron in France.

Sir Victor won the first for shooting down several enemy aircraft while heavily outnumbered. The bar was awarded in 1921 during the Mesopotamia campaign when he landed under heavy fire and rescued three colleagues who had been shot down, and flew them to safety, with one lying on the wing.

Marriages

**Mr R. Heber Percy
and Lady Dorothy Lygon**
The marriage has taken place between Mr Robert Heber Percy and Lady Dorothy Lygon.

**Mr R. J. Hayward
and Miss A. Stockmarr**
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 7, at All Saints Church, Walton-on-Naze, Essex, of Mr Richard John Hayward and Miss Alison Stockmarr. The Rev Albert North officiated.

**Mr A. G. Hilton
and Miss V. J. Sanders**
The marriage took place yesterday at the church of All Saints, Marlow, of Mr Andrew Graham Hilton and Miss Victoria Jane Sanders.

A reception was held at the Compleat Angler.

**Mr J. H. Stebbings
and Miss C. E. Cripwell**
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill, Wiltshire, between Mr Jonathan Stebbings, youngest son of Mr and Mrs David Stebbings, of Wapping Pierhead, London, and Miss Catherine Cripwell, second daughter of Mr and Mrs John Cripwell, of The Manor House, Brixton Deverill. The Rev Martin Spinney officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Amamda Nazario. Mr Charles O'Brien was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

**Mr J. A. Stirling
and Miss O. Waller**
The marriage took place in London on Thursday, September 5, 1985, between Mr John Alexander Stirling, son of the late Colonel William Stirling of Keir and the late Mrs Stirling of Keir, and Miss Olivia Louise Waller, daughter of Major and Mrs Patrick Waller.

**Mr A. C. Vickers
and Mrs P. A. Hunter**
The marriage took place in London yesterday, Thursday, September 12, 1985, between Mr Tony Vickers and Mrs Pippa Hunter.

Latest appointments

The following to be members of the Merseyside Residuary Body, which has been established under the Local Government Act 1985, to help to wind up the affairs of Merseyside County Council:

Mr **Norman Brodrick**, formerly local agent of the Bank of England; Mr **John Hill**, formerly treasurer of Liverpool City Council; Mr **Leslie Jones**, formerly superintending estates officer, Department of the Environment, North West Region; and Mr Kenneth Medlock, Vice-Chairman of Merseyside Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Mr **Leslie Pocock** is to be chairman.

Other appointments include:

Mr **Herbert Walden** to be a member of the Board of the Housing Corporation.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr J. N. R. Blair
and Miss K. J. K. Alfort-Crawford**
The engagement is annouced between James Ninian Rowell, son of Profesor and Mrs J. A. Blair, of Pedmore, Stourbridge, and Hereford, and Katarina Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. G. Crawford, of Chipping, Lancashire.

**Mr D. A. Constantine Smith
and Miss A. L. Simpson**
The engagement is announced between David Anthony, only son of Mr and Mrs A. M. Constantine Smith, of Brandeston, Suffolk, and Anita Louise, eldest daughter of Mr D. T. Simpson, of Culcheth, Cheshire, and Mrs J. M. Barclay, of Whitchurch, Shropshire.

**Mr M. R. Franklin
and Miss M-A. Dembinska**
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Richard Franklin, of Donningtown, Pennsylvania, and Mary-Anne, daughter of Count J. S. O. Dembinski, of Kensington, London, and of Countess Dembinska, of Holsworthy, Devon.

**Mr R. W. Gloster
and Miss J. M. Thompson**
The marriage will take place on Saturday September 14, in the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Broken Hill, of Richard Willian, only son of Mr and Mrs Richard Gloster, of Albemarle Station via Ivanhoe, New South Wales, Australia, and Jane Mary, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Garth Thompson, of Broken Hill, New South Wales, Australia.

**Mr A. J. Greenwell
and Miss J. M. Baldock**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of Mr and Mrs J. Greenwell, and Judith, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Mapperson-Baldock.

**Lieutenant R. W. Hendry, RN,
and Miss A. R. Penney**
The engagement is announced between Rowland William, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. R. Hendry, of Edinburgh, and Annette Rosemary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. M. Penney, of Colgate, Sussex.

**Mr A. A. Lavarello
and Miss T. Griessmann**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs A. L. Lavarello, of Gibraltar, and Tamara, daughter of Mr and Mrs Griessman, of Holland Park, London.

**Mr A. G. Parker
and Miss J. M. Harris**
The engagement is announced between Adrian Parker, Royal Corps of Transport, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. A. Parker, of St Anne's, Alderney, and Jessica, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Harris, of Brenchley, Kent.

**Mr G. J. O. Tinn
and Miss J. Kenning**
The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mr and Mrs S. J. O. Tinn, of Preston, Weymouth, and Nita, daughter of Mr and Mrs N. G. Kenning, of Eathorpe, Leamington Spa.

**Mr J. A. Travis
and Miss C. D. Petherick**
The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. H. Travis, of Brighton, previously of the Ring o'Bells, Landkey, Devon, and Carol, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs H. J. Petherick, of Durleigh, Barnstaple, Devon.

**Mr A. T. R. Witcombe
and Miss J. A. Caudle**
The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Dr and Mrs K. B. F. Witcombe, of Ewell, Surrey, and Jayne, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. O. Caudle, of Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales.

Latest wills

6th Marquess of Bristol, Monte Carlo and formerly of Ickworth, Suffolk, left estate in England and Wales valued at £7,507.

Mr **Denis Parrot**, of Barnes, London, bank manager, left estate valued at £178,827 net. He left all of his property equally between the RNLI, RSPCA, Salvation Army, Spastics Society, Save the Children Fund, National Children's Home and the Bank Clerks Ophans Fund.

Red Cross plea for more cash

The British Red Cross Society is to launch an appeal for cash to send more professional relief workers to some of the world's worst crisis spots.

It recruits a wide range of professional people, including water and sanitation engineers, logistic experts, nurses, surgeons and nutritionists but often does not have enough money to send them to when they are most needed.

Church news

The Rev R Dobson, curate, St Mark's, Tollington Park, diocese of London, to be Rector, St Luke's, Cheetham, with St Thomas's, Crumpsall, diocese of Manchester.

The Rev C J Elliott, Rector, Colchester, Christ Church with St Mary-at-the-Walls, diocese of Chelmsford, to be Rector, Sible Hedingham, same diocese.

The Rev T J Farmiloe, curate, South Petherton, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be Rector, Norton St Philip, Hemington, Hardington and Laverton, same diocese.

The Rev I J Fox, Vicar, St Peter's, Bury, diocese of Manchester, to be Vicar, Northallerton with Kirby Sigston, diocese of York.

The Rev R B Jennison, Rector, Finmere with Mixbury, Cottisford, Hardwick with Tusmore and Newton Purcell with Shelswell, diocese of Oxford, to be also Rural Dean of Bicester and Islip, same diocese.

The Rev T R Martin, Vicar, Knighton, St Michael and All Angels, diocese of Leicester, to be Vicar, Thurmaston, St Michael and All Angels, same diocese.

The Rev P O Moulton, curate, St Bartholomew's, Wilmslow, diocese of Chester, to be Vicar, St Cross, Knutsford, same diocese.

The Rev D Ottley, curate, St Clement's, Urmston, diocese of Manchester, to be lecturer, Bolton Parish Church, same diocese.

The Rev D Prytherch, Chaplain, St Elphin's School, Darley Dale, near Matlock, Derbyshire, to be Vicar, Christ Church, Thornton, near Blackpool, diocese of Blackburn.

The Rev C E Roberts, curate, All Saints, South Shields, diocese of Durham, to be curate, Thamesmead team ministry, diocese of Southwark.

The Rev W J Taylor, Rector, Gateshead Fell, diocese of Durham, to be Vicar, Thornley, same diocese.

Ontario pipers win top medals

From Angus Nicol, Inverness

As at Oban, there were large entries for the Northern Meeting Piobaireachd competitions at Inverness this year.

There were no set tunes, pipers being required to submit tunes of their own choice: eight for the gold medal competition and 12 for the clasp.

The Highland Society of London's gold medal was won by James MacGillivray from Ontario, Canada, playing The MacDougalls' Gathering, an unusual and stirring tune. It had no name for generations until an unknown writer in the nineteenth century gave it its present title.

The silver medal was won by Scott MacAulay, also from Ontario. He played the Lament for Sir James MacDonald of the Isles, probably composed by William MacDonald of Vallay, tutor to Sir Alexander, and who fought at Killiecrankie in 1689.

The MacGregor memorial competition, again organized by the Highland Society of London, was won by Roderick Livingstone, from Norwich. The competition requires pipers to play two tunes, one at Oban and one at Inverness. His tunes were the Lament for Donald Duaghal MacKay, and Lady Annapool's Lament.

The A grade march competition was won by Alfred Morrison, who also took second prize in the gold medal. The B grade march was won by yet another Ontario piper, Michael Grey. Pipe Sergeant Roderick McCourt, Queen's Own Highlanders, won the jig event.

The results:

Highland Society gold medal: J MacGillivray; 2 Alfred Morrison (Beloved Scotland); 3, Dr Angus MacDonald (The King's Taxes); 4 Roy Gunn (Lament for MacSwan of Roaig); 5 Malcolm MacRae (Lord Lovat's Lament).

Silver medal: 1 Scott MacAulay; 2 Donald S Lindsay, New York; 3, Lance Corporal Graham Marr, Queen's Own Highlanders; 4 Piper Alastair Gillies, QOH; 5 John Higgins, Kansas.

March (A): 1, Alfred Morrison; 2 Pilot Sergeant Roderick McCourt; 3 Q MacInnes, 4 Tom Johnson.

March (B): 1 Michael Grey; 2 Andrew Berthoff; 3 Robert Burns; 4 Amy Garson.

Strathspey and Reel: 1 Michael Grey, 2 Piper Finlay MacGhee, QOH, 3 Anne MacKenzie; 4 Gordon MacKenzie.

Jigs: 1 Scott MacAulay; 2 Andrew Berthoff; 3 Pilot Sergeant Roderick McCourt; 4 Alfred Morrison.

The judges were: gold medal: Donald MacLean, Captain John MacLellan, J J Burnet; silver medal: Norman Meldrum, Donald Bain, Angus MacLellan, March; Evan MacRae, William MacDonald, Ronald Morrison. Strathspey and reel: Donald Morrison and Walter Drysdale; jig: James Campbell and John D Burgess.

School news

Bedford High School

Autumn Term began on Thursday, September 12, and ends on December 18 with some 800 girls in the senior school. The new junior school, designed by Arup Associates and catering for 230 girls, will be in use for the first time; this completes the second phase of our major development.

Harvest Sale day is September 21: Janusz Stechley (piano) will give an afternoon recital on October 7. The Christmas concerts are on December 9 and 10. The guest of honour on Speech Day, Monday, December 16, will be Sir Henry Chilver, FRS, Vice-Chancellor of Cranfield Institute of Technology. We are joining Bedford School for their play, *The Marriage of Figaro*, on December 11 to 14, and Bedford Modern School for a Service of Nine Lessons and Carols in St Paul's Church on December 15.

Church Schools Company High Schools for Girls

The company's seven schools this week begin the new academic year. No new heads have been appointed since last term but Dr M. Hustler now assumes as deputy head at the Atherley School, Southampton, and Miss S. C. Budgen as deputy at Surbiton High School.

King William's College Isle of Man

Mr S. G. Alder, OKW, Mrs J. C. Cain and Mr J. C. Clucas, OKW, have been appointed trustees. Autumn Term begins today. J. D. Hamm continues as head of school and J. P. J. Carter is captain of football. Major-General L. A. W. New, OKW, Lieutenant Governor will be guest of honour for Founder's Day on October 30. Term ends on December 16.

Lady Eleanor Holles School, Hampton

Autumn Term began yesterday with 593 girls in the senior department and 187 girls in the junior department. The head girl is Rolla El Ajou and the two deputies are Emily Brand and Theresa Simon. Phase 1 of the new arts wing is complete and phase 2 begins shortly. Term ends on December 18.

Ryde School

Term began on Thursday September 12. The school is now coeducational in both senior and junior departments. Colonel P J Warren, has taken up his position as bursar. The head of school is Stuart Mucklow. The school play will be *The Crucible*, by Arthur Miller, produced on December 12, 13, and 14. A memorial service for Miss Phyllis K Turner, sometime headmistress of the junior school, will be held in All Saints' Church, Ryde, at 11am on Saturday, September 21. Mr R McIsaac will deliver an address.

Wycliffe College

Boarders return to Wycliffe College this evening. Term ends on December 17. Old Wycliffian dinners will be held in London on September 20, Porthcawl on September 27 and Bristol on November 29. The Old Wycliffian rugby match will be played at school on December 14. The choral society will perform Britten's *St Nicolas* in chapel on December 1. The new science block will be officially opened on October 26 when half-term begins.

Dulwich College

A reunion of Old Alleynians will be held at Dulwich College on Saturday, October 5. All OAs who left the college between 1950 and 1966 are invited to attend. Full details of the arrangements for the day may be obtained from the master's secretary, Dulwich College. Telephone 01-693 3601.

Science report

Warming to the idea of tiny power stations

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The latest development in energy conservation is a scheme called micro-CHP. One of 12 versions of this new technology for saving fuel has been installed at the Bristol Royal Infirmary, where it is providing a significant example for the Energy Efficiency Demonstration scheme, launched by the Department of Energy. The purpose is to encourage owners of large buildings in the public sector and hotels, commercial office blocks and factories, to adopt the idea.

Micro-CHP is the term for small combined heat and power systems, which, on a larger scale, is an established technology for taking reject heat from conventional power stations and piping it to buildings via an insulated mains.

In the new scheme, electricity and heat is generated in the same way but by a small power station based on modifications of devices the size of car diesel engines. It is, in fact, a tiny power station.

The attractions for conservation is that it gives more than 80 per cent efficiency in the conversion of fuel into useful energy.

Estimates for the different size demonstration installations, organized by the Government's Energy Technology Support Unit, show that the capital costs may be recovered in less than three years and that the subsequent fuel bills would be much smaller than existing ones.

An investigation of the technology by the Energy Research Group of the Open University shows that the tiny installations would also be ideal for small housing estates. The 12 schemes are being installed under a grant from the Department of Energy, and they range in size up to 160-kilowatt of electrical output.

A modest installation of 86-kilowatt of electricity costs £44,200 to install and, on the estimates of the efficiency calculated for the Department of Energy, that would be recovered in just over two years.

The micro-CHP scheme is not suited to every large building; the ideal installation would be one that operates for 4,500 hours a year. In addition, the equipment needs to be used as a central steam-raising plant and to provide a constant source of regularly used hot water.

Analysis of a Totem Based District Heating Scheme by D. C. Andrews and R. J. Lowe; Energy Research Group, Open University.

OBITUARY

COMMANDER JOHN KERANS

Hero of the Yangtze incident

Commander John Kerans, DSO, RN, retd, who died on September 11 at the age of 70 had been a regular officer who saw service on Malta convoys during the war and was afterwards for one term, a Member of Parliament. But his name will always be associated with the daring breakout of the frigate HMS Amethyst from the Yangtze River, where she had lain trapped under the guns of the Chinese People's Liberation Army during the long, hot summer of 1949.

Kerans after Amethyst's escape

Amethyst was an incidental victim of the Chinese Civil War, but his feat made Kerans a national hero in what was a lean time for British as well as American prestige and policy in the Far East. And, in truth, Amethyst's escape was of itself a matter not merely of courage but also of skill in the execution both of the difficult business of getting under way without being spotted, and of the subsequent 140-mile passage down river to the sea against hazards of shoal and sandbank as well as shelling from the banks of the river.

John Simon Kerans was born on June 30, 1915, and went to the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. Among his prewar service was a spell on the then lively China station from 1937 to 1939.

On the outbreak of war he was on the staff of the Chief of Intelligence, Far East, and later saw convoy service in the Mediterranean and in the Atlantic as First Lieutenant of the destroyer, Icarus. After the war he was again in Intelligence in Hong Kong and during 1948 was on loan to the Malayan Police. In 1949, as a Lieutenant-Commander, he was sent to Nanking, then the seat of Chiang Kai-Shek's National Government, as assistant naval attaché.

In April 1949 HMS Amethyst, on passage up the Yangtze River to Nanking, was fired on by batteries of a Communist army which had reached the river in its drive against Nationalist government forces. Seventeen of her crew, including her commanding officer, were killed, and the ship, badly damaged, could only drop anchor and remain where she was 140 miles from the haven of the open sea.

Thus began a three months' marooning which severely tested the fortitude of the ship's company. The Chinese Communist authorities did, however, initially allow Amethyst to be replenished with food, and during one of these operations Kerans was able to come aboard from Nanking and take command.

It was to him to sustain the morale of his remaining crew while negotiations went on at a higher level as the Communist Chinese tried to extract a confession from the British government that Amethyst had "invaded" their territory. The crew suffered badly from rats and mosquitoes. The necessity to conserve fuel made it impossible to use electric fans between decks and created conditions which were even more trying than they would normally have been in the stifling heat of a Yangtze summer.

In addition Kerans had to cope with the psychological pressure applied by the local Chinese political commissar, Colonel Kang, who attempted, with repeated personal vilification, to gain from him the admission of guilt his government was unwilling to provide.

Finally, when it became apparent that there could be no officially conducted solution in the climate of overheated political animosities, Kerans decided to get himself and his ship out of the river by covert means. At 10pm on July 30, 1949, Amethyst slipped her cable, the links of which had been carefully wadded and greased beforehand to minimise sound which might reach a watchful enemy. Cunning blackout, which disguised Amethyst's warlike silhouette and confused her with other, passenger traffic plying the river, puzzled and inhibited the Chinese gunners.

Though she came under heavy fire Amethyst took no casualties. But the feat of navigation was also remarkable in a river noted for its treacherous and shifting sandbanks, which was additionally in flood spate from heavy rains.

At 5.30am, by then down to her last few tons of fuel oil, Amethyst passed the final hurdle of hostile forts at Woosung and met the destroyer HMS Concord from whom she was able to refuel and replenish. Both vessels then proceeded to Hong Kong where Kerans and his crew received a heroes' welcome. His feat was later recognized by the award of DSO.

Kerans was promoted Commander and during the remainder of his naval career returned to the Far East as British Naval Attaché in Bangkok, having also served in Naval Intelligence in London.

He retired in 1958, and in the following year he was chosen by the Conservatives to contest Labour held Hartlepools. This task he discharged and he sat as the constituency's MP until 1964, when he retired from politics. From 1969 to 1980 he was a Civil Servant with the Pensions Appeals Tribunals.

He married, in 1946, Stephanie Campbell Shires, who survives him. They had two daughters.

DR WILLIAM ALWYN

Dr William Alwyn, CBE, one of the more prolific of the older generation of English composers, died on September 11 at the age of 79 at his home in Southwold. Although he become popularly known for his extensive contribution to films, Alwyn had written much music of a more abstract kind.

He was born in Northampton on November 7, 1905, and studied from 1920 to 1923 at the Royal Academy of Music. Although he learnt both the flute and the piano, composition was always his principal concern and he owed much in that respect to his teacher, John McEwan.

He had to leave the RAM prematurely when his father died in order to earn his living, which he did as a flautist. By the time he returned to the Academy in 1926 to teach, he had already begun to compose himself. A piano concerto, first performed in 1930, and an oratorio dating from 1936 are among the most significant of his early works, but by the end of the decade he was dissatisfied with his methods, and decided to reappraise his technique. He considered his Flute Divertimento 1939 as his first real success.

That began a neo-classical stage encompassing his early symphonic output, but gradually his manner became more romantic, a style itself superseded by an inclination towards a 12-note technique, which found expression in this third symphony. His various chamber works written in the 1950s and 1960 show the increasing fastidiousness of his writing.

His opera, *Miss Julie*, with own libretto based on Strinberg's play received its premiere on Radio 3 in 1977, but it still awaits a stage presentation. It confirmed Alwyn's committed, wholly approachable style, and received a commendable recording, as did his five symphonies written about the same time. Admittedly eclectic in idiom, his music has a distinctive voice of its own.

He wrote his first film score in 1936, having became interested in the relationship between music and the spoken word. Among his most notable credits in this field are *Desert Victory*, *Odd Man Out* and *Fallen Idol*, all showing his undoubted skill in matching notes to image.

He was also a keen painter and author. In his books *Ariel to Miranda* (1967) and *Daphne, or the Pursuit of Beauty* (1972), he discoursed on the artistic experience.

He was twice married and is survived by his second wife, Doreen, and two sons of his first marriage.

MR G. T. GRIFFITH

Mr Guy Thompson Griffith, FBA, who died on September 11, was a classical scholar of distinction who endeared himself to his colleagues and his pupils in Cambridge and who wrote in a most felicitous style.

Born on January 7, 1908, and educated at the Leys School, he went up to Gonville and Caius College in 1926 as an Entrance Scholar and took a double first in the Classical Tripos. As an undergraduate he cultivated two interests which were to be lifelong, ancient history and horse-racing, which he ran in team so closely that as a research student he hazarded one instalment of his emoluments and lost it by a short head.

Elected to a Fellowship of his college in 1931 and to a University Lectureship in 1937, he published in 1935 *The Mercenaries of the Hellenistic World*, which was an important work of original research and balanced judgement. In 1936 he, jointly with Michael Oakeshott, published *A Guide to the Classics or How to pick the Derby Winner*, in which they disclosed the rational principles upon which they believed a winning selection might be based – and indeed in Griffith's case at least was frequently based.

His interest in the Hellenistic world and his purity of style brought him into friendship and into partnership with the leading authority on Alexander the Great, W. W. Tarn, with whom he produced a revised edition of *Hellenistic Civilisation* in 1952. In 1951 he became Laurence Reader in Classics, and in 1952 he was elected a Fellow of the British Academy.

He contributed many papers to the classical journals, edited the *Classical Quarterly* in 1947–51 and wrote a chapter on the Greek Historians in *Fifty Years of Classical Studies* in 1954.

His special interest in Macedonian history led to the publication in 1966 of *Alexander the Great: the main problems*, in which he edited articles by leading scholars (and with characteristic modesty omitted his own), and then in 1979 to his definitive study of Philip of Macedon in volume II of *A History of Macedonia* by N. G. L. Hammond and G. T. Griffith.

This, his most mature writing, was remarkable for its courtesy to other scholars, thoroughness and humour. He exercised a strong influence on the study of Greek history.

DAME HENRIETTA BARNETT

Dame Henrietta Barnett, DBE, who died on September 11 at her home in Woodstock, Oxfordshire, at the age of 80, was Director of the Women's Royal Air Force from 1956 to 1960.

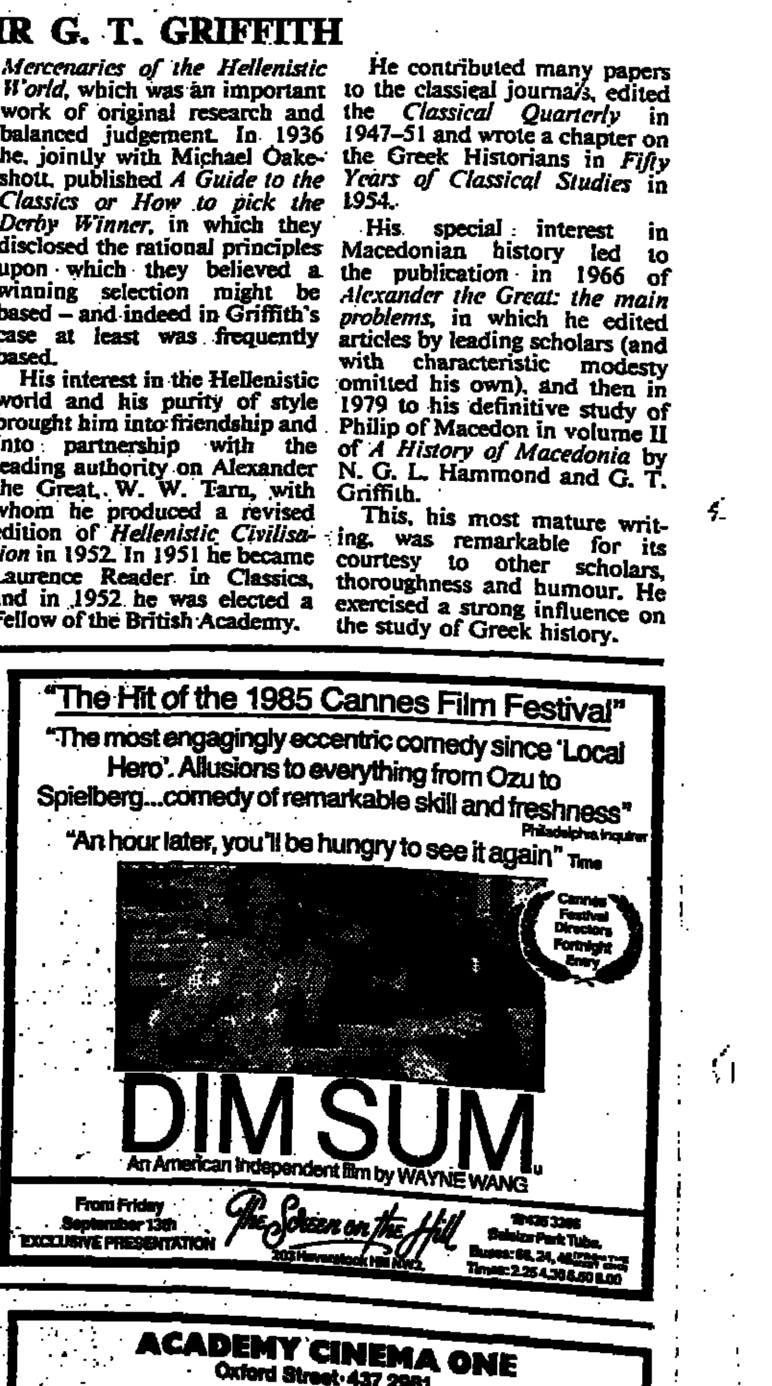
Mary Henrietta Barnett was born on February 16, 1905, the daughter of Colonel George Henry Barnett, 60th Rifles. She was educated at Heathfield, Ascot and joined No 45 (County of Oxford) ATS in 1938, transferring to the Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

During the Blitz she served at the Air Ministry in London. Among her postwar appointments was that of Inspector of the WAAF from 1948 and in 1949 she became Deputy Director of the WRAF which had been reformed on February 1.

When she was appointed Officer Commanding RAF Hawkinge in Kent in 1952 she became the only woman station Commander in the Royal Air Force.

As Director of the WRAF from 1956 she was also ADC to the Queen. She had been appointed OBE in 1950, advanced CBE in 1956 and was created DBE in 1958.

Mr **Graham Claude Murphy**, OBE, FCA, who died on September 9 at the age of 74, was a Justice of the Peace and a Deputy Lieutenant for Shropshire.



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THE ARTS

Donald Cooper

Showbiz vanities: Robert Stephens (left), Kate O'Mara, Robert Morse, Maxine Audley

Theatre

High-pressure study in hysteria

Light Up the Sky

Old Vic

Just as newspapers grow wary in reporting their own affairs, so the theatre becomes untrustworthy when it puts itself on stage. Whatever their soul-destroying experiences of the trade, its victims rarely do anything to shake the myth of fairy-tale glamour.

On the face of it, Moss Hart's 1948 comedy does set out to spill a few beans. Here, from the veteran of a thousand Broadway rewrites, is a blow-by-blow account of a Boston tryout, compressing stellar tantrums, managerial wrangles, post-mortems on the opening and the notices into 10 hours in a flower-deluged hotel room. Hart is evidently keen to pass on his backstage knowledge to a theatrically infatuated audience, and to this end he brings two innocents on to the scene to supply a pretext for his explanations.

One of these little lessons – itemizing the fate of costumes and sets when a show flops – is genuinely informative, and amusing. Otherwise, in spite of the endless see-saw between theatrical sentimentality and box-office cynicism, you leave the show knowing no more than when you went in.

When it comes to the point, Hart's show-business instinct has engulfed whatever wish he may have had to tell the truth. A comedy has got to be funny. And why knock an institution that brings in love and money? Accordingly the play takes a swift nose-dive into stereotype. The leading lady is the usual monster of egoism. The producer has just come in from backing ice-shows. The director is a posturing narcissist, forever upstaging any opposition with his ready tears and intimate familiarity with the Greeks. The playwright is a newcomer, flushed with amazed gratitude that these wonderful people should be putting on his first work.

You can see exactly what is coming. Act I consists of self-congratulatory toasts before the opening. Act II plunges the company into recriminatory squabbles after a supposedly disastrous opening. Act III brings the glowing notices and the prospect of the Broadway jackpot.

With the exception of one deliriously funny passage where Robert Stephens, as the director, raises his glass to toast a theatre-loving old cleaning lady he had spotted at the dress rehearsal, not recognizing her as the leading lady's mother who had sneaked in disguised, there are no surprises in the working out of the scenario. It is simply laid out to reveal one form of predictable egoism after another. The only surprise is to witness the development of Hart's own double standards, which invite you to view the unseen play sometimes as a masterpiece of unstained integrity and sometimes as a piece of apprentice rubbish, according to passing convenience.

Keith Hack directs a superb company, and it is a sad thing to see them wasted on such material. Kate O'Mara delivers a deadly Anita Loos blonde as the producer's ice-skating wife. Hannah Gordon, at her most artificial when opting for marriage rather than the tinsel vanities, does an equally lethal job with the leading lady. There are no less high-pressure studies in showbiz hysteria from Robert Morse, Maxine Audley, and the wincingly agonized Mr Stephens. It would be nice to say that they reclaim the piece, at least as a bit of fun: but they do not.

Irving Wardle

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We congratulate the winners of the first IAAF Mobil Grand Prix, who certainly personify these sporting ideals. Based on points garnered over 16-meet season, the outstanding male athlete is **Doug Padilla** of the USA, with 63 points. The outstanding female is **Mary Slaney** of the USA, with 69 points.

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Long jump: Mike Conley of the USA
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Javelin: Tom Petranoff of the USA

The women's awards winners are:

100 metres: Florence Griffith of the USA
800 metres: Jarmila Kratochvilova of Czechoslovakia
3,000 metres: Mary Slaney of the USA
400 metre hurdles: Judi Brown-King of the USA
High jump: Stefka Kostadinova of Bulgaria
Long jump: Jackie Joyner of the USA
Shot put: Mihaela Loghin of Rumania

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IAAF Mobil Grand Prix

Concerts

BBC Welsh SO/ Williams

Brangwyn Hall, Swansea

Roger Smalley's trenchant voice has been missing from British music since he went to Austraia a decade ago, but happily one keeps hearing echoes of it. In 1982 there was his Symphony at the Proms, and on Wednesday night, under the curious auspices of the Tenth International Mass Spectrometry Conference, he was present himself to take part in what he pointedly calls a "Concerto for Piano and Orchestra", joined by the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Howard Williams.

The title is meant to suggest that this is a display piece for all those taking part and not only for the pianist, but it would be utterly unjust to the work and to Smalley's performance to say that this is the case. What we heard was a good old-fashioned piano concerto, complete with arguments and alignments between soloist and ensemble, and complete too, with much virtuosity, especialy in the *moto perpetuo* last movement.

The work is also traditional in its form, and even schematically so. The first movement goes so far as to repeat its exposition, which quite correctly has two subjects: a dialogue for piano and timpani, and a tuba solo. These are then developed and combined in the recapitulation. Admittedly the remaining movements follow without a break, but that was scarcely revolutionary in the 1840s. Smalley may speak in his programme note of the medium "intergrating various aspects of its own history", but it is more a case of going through almost textbook notions of what a concerto might be.

And yet the piece is very far from being academic. Indeed, it flies in the face of respectability. Smalley is not embarassed by leaving many of his players with nothing to do for pages at a time: the entire first movement, for instance, is virtually a concerto for piano, brass and percussion. Nor does he mind setting up expectations of melodic extension that his repetitive lines quite fail to fulfil: this happens in the scherzo's first trio, in the horn solo that completes the first half of the slow movement, and again most dramatically in the ensuing piano solo.

In the work as a whole, also, one is stunned and excited by Smalley's ability to be at once virtually incompetent and explosively imaginative. There is a case in point at the end, where a rousng conclusion is immediately undercut by the feeble tick-tocking of a wood block. The ingenuousness is so complete as to constitute a stroke of genius.

Paul Griffiths

Swedish RSO/ Salonen

Albert Hall/Radio 3

The Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra made the first of its two Prom appearances on Wednesday, and brought a memorable visiting card: Ingvar Lidholm's *Kontakion*. It was the British première of this 17-minute orchestral piece, and definitely one we would have been the poorer for not hearing.

This *Kontakion* is a requiem: its orchestra plays like a vast human body of reaction and response, as it moves through four continuous sections of densely compressed material. Long, screaming breaths of reverberating violin chords are pressed down by rising bass strings, before scattering into obsessively repeated motifs. As brass and percussion move in for each searing climax, the oboe contains all that has happened for a single moment, before the nerves are pulled and jangled again by marimbaphone, tam-tam, broken pizzicato and stifled high bassoon. A distant, humming mantra, which seems always to have been there, surfaces as incantation, bell echoes and offstage trumpet fade out to a final Hymn for the Departed.

Properly austere, yet vibrant in its taut expressionism, *Kontakion* wastes not a second of its own or the listener's time. Nor, of course, does Sibelius; and it was as much a treat to hear five of his orchestrated songs, and to hear them sung so beautifully by Hagen Hagegard. Two of the best known, "Säv, säv, susa" and Svarta rosor", were given 3-D treatment by both voice and orchestra, under Esa-Pekka Salonen. But it was particularly good to hear such a fine performance of "Höstkväll" ("Autumn evening"), vividly declaimed against Sibelius's own spare and astute orchestration.

No queue for returns this time. Mahler, for once, was not an infallible ticket-seller. And not everyone, perhaps, would have expected, or hoped, to hear a Fourth Symphony like Mr Salonen's. What he showed us was the work's underside: in his deliberately provocative extremes of tempo, dynamic and instrumental detail, Mr Salonen created a performance which, apart from Lena Hoel's angelic finale, was quite the most frightening I have ever witnessed, both as an orchestral feat and for what its achievement revealed.

Hilary Finch

Cinema

New age of magical salvation

Cocoon (PG)

Odeon Leicester Square

Dim Sum (U)

Screen-on-the-Hill

The Frog Prince (15)

Warner West End

Crimes of Passion (18)

Odeon Haymarket

Like real-life friends: Victor Wong as Uncle Tam and Laureen Chew in *Dim Sum*

The cinema is leading a willing world into a new age of magic. Not since the night of time have grown-up audiences yielded so readily to story-tellers who spellbind them with tales of sorcery and enchantment. A year or two ago the most popular films still told of witchcraft and the occult or offered predictions of a future menanced by out-of-control technologies and hostile invaders from space. Now however (it began with *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* and *E.T.*) aliens tend to be benign: and magic is offered as solace and salvation in a world where reality has become too fearful to bear.

Cocoon, set firmly in the here and now, exorcises the two most basic fears, of age and death, through the ancient myth of a fountain of youth. The story centres on an old folks' home on the Florida coast. Three of the more mischievous old boys trespass in an old swimming pool, unaware that it is being used by extra-terrestrial visitors to rejuvenate castaways from the sinking of Atlantis, millions of years ago. The life-force does wonders for the oldsters: but trouble brews when their felow-inmates want to share the benefits.

The story skirts perilously close to the cute and whimsical, but manages most of the time to bring it off, thanks to a clean script by Tom Benedek and the confidence of the director, Ron Howard, who brings to the film the same charm and humane humour that enriched the broader comedy of *Splash*. (Howard is 30, and no time at all ago was a child actor in *The Courtship of Eddie's Father* and a teenager in *American Graffiti*.)

The major strength of *Cocoon* though is the skilled, no-nonsense performances of the veteran actors, including Don Ameche (77), Hume Cronyn (74), Jessica Tandy (76), Jack Gilford (78) and, most notably, Wilfred Brimley (age unrecorded), an actor who has come to modest stardom late in life and seems incapable of untruth in his playing.

By contrast **Dim Sum – A Little Bit of Heart** charms and compels by absolute truth to life. Wayne Wang is one of those rare directors (they include Bill Forsyth in a pantheon which has Ozu and Renoir at its head) who can so involve us with the ordinary affairs of ordinary people that we care for them like real-like friends. Wang's characters are so immediately familiar as fellow sufferers in the human race that the exotic and unfamiliar setting – San Francisco's Chinatown – is no obstacle to acquaintance.

Being human, they are comic. At the centre is Mrs Tam, a shrewd, simple old seamstress with a chronic ineptitude in the English language but a sturdy determination to pass the citizenship test. Informed by a gloomy fortune-teller that death is imminent, she is determined to marry off her daughter Geraldine before she goes. Geraldine is not convinced, either that her robust mother is on the point of departure or that she herself wants to marry, agreeable though her young man may be. Then there is the wayward Uncle Tam, a bar-owner, and sharp-tongued Auntie Mary over the garden wall. Like the rest of us, the Tams battle cheerfully through the muddle of their days: and Mrs Tam finds a more optimistic soothsayer...

As in life, we have to read between the lines. These people feel a lot, and all the time; but as real people they do not always express these feelings directly. Perhaps what makes the Tams so real and their problems so involving is the extent to which the film is based in actuality. The actresses who play Geraldine and her mother are daughter and parent in real life too: Laureen Chew, an amateur actress, and her mother Kim, an extraordinary natural comedienne who had never acted before. Much of the film was shot in the Chews' own house.

"Dim Sum", translated as "A Little Bit of Heart", will be known to most as a light Chinese lunch, but it is an apt title for this irresistible film. It is much to be hoped that Wayne Wang's earlier, very different, but no less talented feature, *Chan is Missing*, may be released in this country before long.

After *Dim Sum*, The Frog Prince seems distinctly two-dimensional, and maybe this is the quality to be expected in a script by a cartoonist: the original screenplay was by Posy Simmonds. Indeed, the film could have developed a sharper edge of comedy by consciously stressing its element of stereotype British attitude to the continental.

Produced by David Puttnam and Enigma Films under a deal between Goldcrest and Warners, the film retains the distinctive look of the *First Love* series made for "Film on Four". This series achieved its laudable aim of making films of modest enough budgets to give new directors their chance. Its shortcoming was a sameness and lack of imagination in the subjects. *The Frog Prince* follows the formula of wistful nostalgia established by the *First Love* films, with a mild romantic story set in a not-too-distant past when we were all young and experiencing the first agonies of love.

The variation here is a Parisian setting. Jane Snowden plays Jenny, a nice old-fashioned girl who arrives to study at the Sorbonne and lodge with an ordinary family. She falls in with boisterous compatriots of the same sex, and initially fends off, but ultimately yields to, the sexual advances of a Gallic lover. Experience leaves her wiser and not one whit the sadder.

The vagrant quality of the script is not much helped by the director Brian Gilbert's rather odd camera style: he is inclined to open scenes by following some totally irrelevant piece of background action. Gilbert scores with little set-pieces like the romantic young Frenchman's shaky recitation of *Romeo and Juliet* in the Métro, and most of the appearances of Jacqueline Doyen as the velvet-gloved landlady.

The promise implied in last year's title *Friday the 13th – The Final Chapter* has not been kept: and, appropriate to today's date, we now face *Friday the 13th – A New Beginning*. While the juveniles submit to more of the ritual teenage slaughter, their elders can see Ken Russell's **Crimes of Passion**, and relish the spectacle of Kathleen Turner dressed as a priest stabbing Anthony Perkins with a razor-edged vibrator.

When the Edinburgh Film Festival premièred *Crimes of Passion* last month they were so much in two minds about it that they published two programme notes. One described it as "one of the cinema's most sophisticated and rueful demonstrations that sexual pleasure is 90 per cent fantasy"; the other as "a drooling sex and prostitution fantasy from ageing *enfant terrible* Ken Russell".

Russell still delights to shock, and does so here by what is said and shown. Behind the violent words and sado-masochistic images (handcuffs and stiletto heels), however, the revelations are banal enough. Kathleen Turner is a career girl who exorcises her terrors and disappointment in sex by turning tart by night so that she can experience sexual gratification in anonymity. John Laughlin is a nice ordinary guy who cannot turn his wife on but finds fulfilment in the brothel. Perkins turns in his usual psycho act as a sex-crazed preacher.

The young are not likely to be particularly surprised by the dirty talk, but older people might easily be upset; which demonstrates the fatuity of the British Board of Film Censors' "18" certificate, making no distinction between *Crimes of Passion*, the innocuous *Steaming* or the idiotic *Death Warmed Up*.

David Robinson

Television

Personal restraint

"We used to sit in that driveway a lot and think 'how in the world are we going to make it?'" recalled Jerry Allison, drummer with The Crickets and teenage friend of Buddy Holly, in an **Arena** special on BBC2 last night. "Let's write a song", suggested Holly one day. "That'll be the day", his friend replied and, in an exchange as corny as that in any Hollywood musical, the future rock star seized the words for the lyrics of a future hit song.

The corn could have been as high as an elephant's eye, since the story of Buddy Holly, a star for 18 months and a legend ever after, abounds in natural opportunities for sentimentality. To their credit, the producer Anthony Wall and the director Richard Spence displayed admirable restraint throughout.

Instead of starting with the crash of the small chartered plane in Iowa in 1959 in which Holly died, accompanied by Richie Valens and the Big Bopper, the event named as "The Day the Music Died" by Don McLean 13 years later, the programme started with views of his birthplace, Lubbock, Texas, could probably win prizes for the world's most featureless landscape.

Holly's big brothers, Larry and Travis, cheerfully recalled greasing the bow of the infant Buddy's fiddle, so he could play along with them at country music shows without making a sound. Jerry Allison recalled the day Holly stopped taking off his horn-rimmed spectacles in public.

There were charming memories from his widow, Maria Elena, to whom he proposed on their first date after getting a third party to ask her out on his behalf. The programme gave an intriguing suggestion of what might have been had Holly lived, playing unreleased songs and outlining the significance of his split from The Crickets, move to Greenwich Village and ambitions towards films.

The biography of a man who died at the age of 21 must inevitably lack some substance. What was missing from this profile was a sense of Holly's personality, which struggled to achieve animation through the deadpan reticence of his Texas friends. Paul McCartney, with characteristic charm, described Holly's influence on the Beatles, but a more confident sortie into the realms of pretension, and an examination of Buddy Holly's still-powerful influence on music, would have rendered the programme more satisfying.

Celia Brayfield

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1986 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
424	332	Barclays	379	● +5	24.9	6.3	7.1
446	385	Brown Shipley	395	−5	13.2	3.3	17.1
548	468	Cater Allen	493	..	41.3	8.4	12.0
38	23½	Cattles	35½	● ..	2.3	6.4	12.4
50⅝	38⅝	Chase Manhattan	£41½	● +⅛	364	8.9	..
42⅞	32½	Citicorp	£32⅝	−¼	206	6.3	..
72	38	Clive	37	s ..	3.6	9.5	8.7
38	28	Com Bank Wales	38	..	..	..	..
56½	42¼	Commerzbank	£55	+1½	6.0	0.1	..
154	104½	Deutsche Bank	£153½	+1½	1200	7.9	..
128	74½	First Nat Finance	119	..	..	..	8.4
372	294	Gerrard Nat	312	+3	18.9	6.0	18.2
79	55	Guinness Peat	65	−1	2.3	3.5	16.5
183	131	Hambros	150	..	8.3	6.2	12.6
19	12½	Do (50p)	£19	..	92.9	4.9	15.9
353	273	Hill Samuel	288	● −2	16.6	6.7	7.6
99	68½	HK Shanghai	72½	● +1½	..b	..	..
278	233	Joseph (Leopold)	253	● ..	16.1	6.4	13.2
188	148	King & Shaxson	146	..	11.8	8.1	17.8
505	375	Kleinwort Benson	470	−5	21.4b	4.6	8.7
439	348	Lloyds	414	● −3	26.9	6.5	8.3
29	22	Manson	24	..	1.6	6.7	9.4
503	398	Mercury Secs	478	● ..	22.9	4.6	7.4
402	322	Midland	334	● ..	36.4	8.2	6.5
270	173	Nat Aust Bk	241	−2	..	..	..
719	567	Nat West	644	−10	37.6	5.8	5.6
90	68½	Ottoman	£78½	● ..	560	7.0	16.9
261	163	Provident	200	..	15.7	6.0	11.9
80	62½	Rea Bros	63	● ..	1.8	2.8	18.7
116	92	Rothschild (J) Hld	100	● ..	6.5	6.5	12.0
21⅛	15⅜	Royl Bnk Of Can	£17⅜	● +⅛	..	..	..
294	216	Royl Bnk Of Scot	262	−2	12.6	4.8	8.7
888	728	Schroders	858	..	26.4	3.0	12.5
70	35	Smith St Aubyn	38	..	2.9	7.9	3.3
542	422	Stand Chart	432	● +3	42.1	9.8	6.7
748	633	Union	648	● ..	52.9	8.2	8.4
84	58	Wagon	63	● −1	5.0	6.0	11.1
51⅞	39⅝	Wells Fargo	£41⅝	+⅛	..	..	..
280	240	Wintrust	257	● −3	6.9	2.7	16.3

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
202	178	Aberdeen Constr	180	● +2	10.4	5.8	11.2
280	230	Amec	234	+1	15.7	6.7	9.3
60	39	Amcliffe	58	..	0.1	0.2	8.8
111	82	Attwoods	105	..	5.0b	4.8	30.8
288	208	BPB Industries	268	−2	11.0	4.1	10.7
280	204	Baggeridge Brick	278	..	9.5	3.4	12.0
98	64	Barratt Devs	94	+4	10.9	11.6	8.2
34	19	Bailey(Ben) Constr	20	..	0.8	4.0	4.0
138	113	Bellway	122	..	10.0	8.2	8.1
70	61	Benford Concrete	66	−1	5.4	8.1	84.7
85	51	Bett Bros	63	..	4.4	7.0	9.4
920	545	Blockleys	920	+10	30.0	3.3	13.2
561	466	Blue Circle	501	● ..	28.6	5.7	8.9
238	194	Breedon&Cloud Hill	238	..	12.7	5.3	28.7
79	59	Brickhouse Dudley	75	−1	4.9	6.6	12.7
80	55	Br Dredging	66	−1	3.6	5.4	14.7
22	11	Brown&Jackson	15	..	..	..	11.0
83	65	Brownlee	69	..	5.7	8.3	7.7
77	64	Bryant	75	−1	4.4	5.9	8.2
190	20	Burnett & Hallam	f	..	12.5	..	..
155	145	Calebread Robey	150	● ..	4.4	3.0	25.0
81	50	Cement-Roadstone	76	−1	3.0	3.9	..
66	42	Conder Grp	62	● ..	2.1	3.5	25.8
466	336	Costain	448	+10	21.4	4.8	9.5
278	204	Countryside	276	+8	7.5	2.7	8.0
108	84	Crouch (Derek)	102	..	7.9	7.8	22.3
82	60	Dew (George)	78	● ..	8.1	10.7	6.0
82	45	Douglas (RM)	62	+14	2.5e	4.0	44.3
66	59	Erith	60	..	4.4	7.4	9.8
113	91	Fab	91	..	4.1	4.5	12.4
92	56	Do 'A'	58	..	4.1	7.1	7.9
98	70	Finlan (John)	78	−2	6.0	7.7	37.5
198	117	French Kier	191	+1	8.8	4.6	9.9
85	64	Galliford	82	..	6.1	7.5	12.7
115	103	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	105	..	2.3	2.2	35.6
240	204	Gleeson (MJ)	240	..	7.2	3.0	11.4
111	89	HAT	98	● ..	5.3	5.4	10.2
56	24	Helical Bar	58	..	..	..	11.4
46	33	Hewden-Stuart	44	+1	2.2	5.0	8.9
152	114	Heywood Williams	149	● ..	8.9b	6.0	8.7
418	281	Higgs & Hill	416	..	17.6	4.2	11.3
287	135	IDC	280	● ..	10.7	3.8	16.4
168	129	Ibstock Johnsen	164	..	5.7	3.6	12.8
328	280	Jarvis (J) & Sons	290	..	25.0	8.6	10.0
288	198	Laing (J)	263	−13	8.8	3.3	8.4
287	196	Do 'A'	263	−12	8.8	3.3	8.4
98	67	Lawrence (Walter)	93	..	4.9	5.3	6.8
71	58	Lilley (FJC)	65	−1	5.2	8.0	9.8
256	196	Lovell (YJ)	258	● ..	8.8	3.4	12.9
160	104	Magnet & South	144	● +2	6.7	4.7	14.9
202	161	Manders	195	+2	10.7	5.5	12.3
153	110	Marshalls (Halifax)	145	..	6.4	4.4	10.8
97	74	May & Hassell	92	● −2	5.4	5.8	..
282	232	McAlpine (Alfred)	272	● ..	16.1	5.9	9.2
151	112	Meyer Int	139	..	7.6	5.4	7.7
20	14	Miller (Stanley)	17	..	..	..	..
133	105	Monk (A)	117	● +5	9.3	7.9	16.8
262	198	Mowlem (John)	256	+2	17.0	6.7	17.3
780	600	Newarthill	758	..	15.7	2.1	13.9
183	143	Nottingham Brick	151	+3	7.9	6.2	14.1
800	600	Pearce (CH) Sons	726	..	9.3	1.3	14.4
118	96	Persimmon	118	+2	6.8	5.8	..
150	90	Phoenix Timber	90	● −2	4.3	4.8	3.4
250	180	Pochins	250	..	17.0	6.8	5.8
418	342	RMC	402	−2	18.5	4.6	9.0
313	255	Redland	310	● +1	15.0	4.8	11.4
125	93	Roberts Adlard	123	..	8.6	7.0	10.4
39	32	Rowlinson Secs	34	..	0.9	2.7	8.2
225	145	Ruberoid	161	+5	11.1	6.9	8.5
140	118	Rugby Cement	120	+½	8.9	7.4	8.8

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SHORTS (Under Five Years)

1985 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld %	Gross Red. yld %
101.58	98.31	Exch	12¼%	1985	99.99	..	12.251	11.597
101⅞	99⅜	Exch	11¾%	1985	100⅛	..	11.739	11.356
99⅞	98⅜	Treas C	10%	1986	99⅞	● ..	10.094	11.296
95⅞	91¼	Treas	3%	1986	95⅞	..	3.127	8.295
100	97¼	Exch C	10½%	1986	99⅝	..	10.558	11.278
101½	98¼	Treas	12%	1986	100⅛	..	11.985	11.155
98⅝	94½	Treas	8¾%	1984-86	98⅜	−⅛	8.860	10.869
105⅝	102⅛	Exch	14%	1986	102⅜	−⅛	13.805	11.125
94⅞	87½	Exch	2½%	1986	94⅛	+⅛	2.651	7.578
104⅞	101¼	Exch	13¼%	1987	102⅝	−⅛	12.885	10.944
99⅞	95½	Treas C	10¼%	1987	99⅜	−⅛	10.331	10.814
93	84½	Exch	2½%	1987	92⅝	+⅛	2.694	7.833
100⅛	96¼	Exch	10½%	1987	99⅝	● −⅛	10.543	10.813
94½	88½	Fund	6½%	1985-87	94⅜	−⅛	6.813	10.570
99⅞	94½	Treas	10%	1987	98⅝	−⅛	10.143	10.886
90⅞	83½	Treas	3%	1987	90⅞	+⅛	3.304	8.515
102⅞	98½	Treas	12%	1987	101⅞	−⅛	11.776	10.933
95	88½	Treas	7¾%	1985-88	94⅝	−⅛	8.188	10.325
99⅛	94⅞	Exch	10½%	1988	99¼	+⅛	10.579	10.809
97⅞	92¾	Treas C	9¾%	1988	97⅞	..	10.016	10.870
88⅞	79½	Treas	3%	1978-88	86½	+⅛	3.483	8.682
96⅞	90⅝	Treas	9½%	1988	96⅞	..	9.861	10.894
102⅝	96¼	Treas	11½%	1989	101⅞	● −⅛	11.297	10.832
96⅞	89⅜	Treas C	9½%	1989	96⅛	+⅛	9.893	10.870
82⅞	78⅞	Treas	3%	1989	82⅝		3.639	8.888
97½	93⅛	Treas	10¼%	1989	99	..	10.606	10.813
98⅛	90⅞	Exch	10%	1989	97⅝	..	10.278	10.857
101¼	94⅞	Exch	11%	1989	100⅞	● −⅛	10.947	10.848
85⅞	78	Treas	5%	1986-89	85⅞	● +⅛	5.829	9.250
108⅞	101½	Treas	13%	1990	107⅞	..	12.082	10.783
101⅞	96⅞	Exch	11%	1990	100⅝	−⅛	10.937	10.806
109	100⅝	Exch	12¼%	1990	105⅞	● −⅛	11.808	10.894
77⅞	75⅞	Treas	3%	1990	77⅞	+⅛	3.857	8.944
92⅛	86⅛	Treas	8¼%	1987-90	92	−⅛	8.967	10.414

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

1985 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld %	Gross Red. yld %
101½	91	Treas C	10%	1990	100	..	10.402	10.996
106½	95½	Treas	11¾%	1991	104¼	..	11.432	11.024
87½	79	Fund	5¾%	1987-91	84½	● ..	6.787	9.340
105¼	95¼	Exch	11%	1991	104¼	..	11.000	10.990
112	100¼	Treas	12¾%	1992	108⅝	+⅛	11.817	10.973
100¼	87⅛	Treas	10%	1992	96¼	..	10.390	10.812
102⅞	93⅞	Treas C	10½%	1992	101¼	−⅛	10.710	10.916
111¼	96½	Exch	12¼%	1992	106⅝	+⅛	11.585	11.042
117⅞	104⅞	Exch	13½%	1992	111¼	● +⅛	12.112	11.110
111⅞	99½	Treas	12½%	1993	109⅝	+⅛	11.611	11.008
83¼	74⅝	Fund	6%	1993	80¼	● +⅛	7.474	9.584
119⅝	108¼	Treas	13¾%	1993	118½	+⅛	12.036	11.045
125¼	109⅝	Treas	14½%	1994	119⅝	+⅛	12.144	10.936
119⅝	107¼	Exch	13½%	1994	118¼	+⅛	11.835	11.093
113⅞	98½	Exch	12½%	1994	109	+⅛	11.548	11.023
94	85½	Treas	9%	1994	93⅛	..	9.979	10.893
109⅝	98⅛	Treas	12%	1995	107⅛	−⅛	11.376	11.033
71½	61½	Gas	3%	1990-95	70⅝	-	4.331	7.547
98⅝	88½	Exch	10¼%	1995	97⅝		10.665	10.899
116	105	Treas	12¾%	1995	115⅛		11.497	10.933
121½	109⅛	Treas	14%	1996	119⅝		11.906	11.086
94¼	84⅛	Treas	9%	1992-96	89⅞	● −⅛	10.022	10.642
132½	120½	Treas	15¼%	1996	131⅛	..	12.127	11.055
120½	109	Exch	13¼%	1996	119⅝	..	11.549	10.876
118⅞	107	Treas	13¼%	1997	117	..	11.514	10.891
102½	89⅛	Exch	10½%	1997	98⅛	..	10.705	10.786
91⅞	79⅝	Treas	8¾%	1997	87½	−⅛	10.033	10.698
132⅞	120	Exch	15%	1997	131	−⅛	11.972	11.139
96⅞	86½	Exch	9¾%	1998	94⅛	−⅛	10.441	10.720
78⅞	70¼	Treas	6¾%	1995-98	77⅝	● −⅛	9.015	10.258
138⅝	122⅛	Treas	15½%	1998	128⅞	−⅛	11.869	11.026
112⅞	102¼	Exch	12%	1998	111⅞	−⅛	11.118	10.843
96⅝	85⅝	Treas	9½%	1999	94	−⅛	10.277	10.560
116⅞	103½	Exch	12¼%	1999	109⅝	● −⅛	11.118	10.808
103	93⅞	Treas	10½%	1999	102	−⅛	10.845	10.887
101½	91⅞	Conv	10¼%	1999	100	−⅛	10.580	10.853
120	107⅞	Treas	13%	2000	118	−⅛	11.224	10.827
125⅝	114⅛	Treas	14%	1998-01	124½	−⅛	11.654	11.011

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

1985 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld %	Gross Red. yld %
97⅝	92⅛	Conv	9¾%	2001	96⅛	−⅛	10.348	10.503
112¼	100⅝	Exch	12%	1999-02	109¼	−⅛	11.097	10.823

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
365	276	BAT	296	+6	16.7	5.6	4.6
222	182	Imperial	185	+6	12.2	6.6	8.7
205	111	Rothmans 'B'	119	● −6	9.1	7.7	4.1

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. e Corrected price. ● Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Jaguar shows it is more than a pretty reputation

Jaguar is settling in the fast lane of the private sector. After the thrill of a fast start, which saw the share price double from last year's flotation price of 165p, and the jolt of a sudden braking in March caused by the 1984 results, the company is now cruising smoothly.

Its trading performance and its relationship with the stock market are both good. Americans too, are taking to the shares as well as the cars: 40 per cent are now held in the US, mainly in the "deep safes" of *the well-heeled* professional people.

The interim pretax profits of £63 million up from £40.8 million and an interim dividend of 3p were well up to expectations and the shares closed up 3p at 299p. Certainly the performance was flattered by £6 million of interest *and* some benefit from currency movements. But neither should detract from Jaguar's progress.

The main uncertainly overhanging Jaguar is the impact of exchange rate fluctuations. Wisely, the company has *hedged forward* on most of its dollar receivables, and although there is still some exposure to currency fluctuations in the smaller markets of Germany, Canada and Australia, Jaguar should be able to come to terms with them. The management's approach is the pragmatic one of endevouring to get the best price in each market.

There is still a temptation to regard the shares as dollar indexed. With over 70 per cent of first-half sales of £400.9 million, up from £302.2 million generated in the US, this would be the case were it not for the hedging policy.

Meanwhile, productivity is improving, dealer development is progressing well, and Jaguar is at last in a position to mount a sustained and substantial capital investment programme. Some £50 million has been earmarked for the current year and the intention is to increase this to an annual £100 million by the end of the decade.

It is the capital investment which should allow Jaguar to compete with the old foes of BMW, Mercedes and Porsche on more equal terms. Given that Jaguar is working with a product range which is perhaps 14 years old it is doing remarkably well against its much younger German competitors. There was no hiding *the company's undoubted* pleasure at increasing its sales in Germany by 52 per cent in the first half. But Jaguar is under no illusions that it is in for an easy ride. Its sales have reached a point where rivals become intolerant of another's success. The competition from here on will be much stiffer.

However, Jaguar, under the shrewd direction of John Egan, has already proved that it has muscles as well as brains and the name that is so important for a single product company. For five years it is protected by the Government against unwanted predators, but in every other respect it has demonstrateed that the only cure for ailing British car manufacturers is to make them stand on their own feet.

In a freer environment Jaguar has rediscovered that men in the motor industry are capable of working well and to decent standards; that *management will* respond positively to proper rewards; that employees are willing, in their own time, to raise their educational levels. Of the many curses which have stricken the British motor industry, poor workmanship, inadequate pay for senior management and embarrassingly low educational standards are three which Jaguar has exorcised. The insurance industry's Investment Protection Committee will be doing a disservice to Jaguar and its own companies, if it continues to block *Jaguar's proposed share option scheme.*

Soaring Pru beats forecast by £16m

The Prudential Corporation's shares yesterday soared high above the debris of the composite insurance sector, which had been battered by last month's generally disappointing interim results. With analysts aiming for about £30 million the Pru turned in a startling £46 million profit for the six months to June 30, sending its shares up 33p to 697p.

Whether the Pru is genuinely leading the sector into recovery by finely judged policies or by sheer good luck it is too early to say.

The *improvement* comes almost entirely on the general insurance side where losses were expected to mount further after lasy year's huge £72 million jump in losses. But the first-half loss this year fell £2.8 million to £25.4 million. Mercantile & General (reinsurance), a black spot last year, more than halved its loss over the last six months.

Some of this was the result of higher premium rates and heavy reserving in 1984 which should give even more of a boost to the second-half performance this year. It may also show the effect of a policy to improve the quality of risks. But M&G has been luckier than most not to have faced any big claims over the period.

British general insurance also went well, particularly in the motor account which is counter to the experience of other motor insurers. Higher premium rates have helped here too but Brian Corby, the Pru's chairman, ascribes the motor account improvement as "just one of those things".

The Pru was very much with the trend in experiencing a worse result in Canada and an erosion of sterling profits because of currency movements. But the second half of the year will show more clearly how much the Pru is the master of its own destiny. Some more optimistic voices in the City yesterday were speaking of a break-even on the Pru's general insurance and profits well beyond the 1983 level. If they are right the Pru's achievement will have been considerable.

Eternal wait for Allied chief

"With so much money sloshing around the world just looking for a home, is any company safe?" The Allied-Lyons chair*man, Sir Derrick Holden-Brown,* has particular reason forposing the question because he must wait for up to five more weeks before learning whether themuch smaller Elders IXL will fulfil its proclaimed intention of bidding for his company. As he rallies his troops for what may be a phoney war, one can sympathize with his view that a week may be a long time in politics but six weeks in the business world can seem like eternity.

Sir Derrick's spell in limbo may be unusual, but large and often expensive looking takeover bids are becoming incresingly common. Banks are now awash with money and prepared to take an adventurous line. If the client is willing to foot the bill, almost anything is possible.

Thus we saw Burton Group take over *Debenhams at a)price which only* weeks earlier it dismissed as in the realm of fairytales, and which still leaves Robert Thornton able to boast that defeat on that scale is something of a triumph. In New York, Lord Hanson is being pushed to pay far more than he had intended for SCM: if he does not, the banks will fund the management to buy the business, in what they so accurately describe as a "leveraged" deal. Jimmy Gulliver is still set on taking the giant distillers.

Whatever the long-term implications for the lenders, these are profitable times for their corporate finance partners and for the other City advisers who have spotted the potential of being included in the takeover act. No would-be acquisitor can manage without his public relations team and advertising agency. No defendant dare risk being without such support. Sir Derrick is waiting on the edge of his seat to see what the now obligatory Saatchi & Saatchi will produce for Allied-Lyons.

For the teams of city mercenaries it must seem as if they have found El Dorado. As virtually no company feels it is safe from takeover attack, an increasing number of them have decided to have their defence prepared in advance, just in case.

Allied-Lyons has suspected that Elders intended to bid ever since it began to *accumulate shares in March. Sir Derrick is* already well-armed, with S G Warburg his choice to lead the mercenaries and Charles Barker handling public relations. The contest will centre on performance. Allied is poised for a good year, and should be able to offer its shareholders some tantalizing prospects. Elders will offer them cash. How much cash is the question.

World Bank acts to increase Third World investment

By Michael Prest, Financial Correspondent

The World Bank is close to launching a $1 billion (£769 *million) multilateral investment* guarantee agency which it hopes will increase the flow of portfolio and direct investment to developing countries. The agency could be operational next year.

A draft convention for the ageeny was discussed at yesterday's meeting of the executive board of the bank in Washington, and is expected to be approved by the board of governors, which consists of representatives of the member countries, at the bank's annual meeting in Seoul this month.

As envisaged, the agency would cover risks such as the transfer and convertibility of profits, liquidation proceeds, debt payments, expropriation, breaches of legal commitments by governments of countries in which the insured investment is made, and war and other civil disturbances.

Initially, the agency is expected to cover *direct* investment, but it could later extend its range to other productive uses of resources such as management contracts, licensing agreements, and perhaps commerical loans for a project covered by the agency.

International discussion about an agency of this kind dates from the early 1960s. Since then one of the bigget changes has been the involvement of host or developing countries as shareholders and voters in he agency.

The present idea is that any *of the 148 members* of the World Bank can become a member of the agency. Share subscriptions would be according to economic size. But voting power will be shared equally between "home" – mainly developed – countries and host countries.

The World Bank expects the agency initially to be capitalized at $1 billion, but it could begin operations when five home and 15 host countries have subscribed $333 million. The agency's liabilities would be financed by premiums and other sources such as investment income.

Bank sources stress that *premiums would be primarily* set by the nature of the investment or service and not by a political assessment of the host country.

They point out that developing countries share of worldwide foreign direct investment has stagnated for sevral years at about 25 per cent.

Japan eases controls

Tokyo (AFP) – The Bank of Japan yesterday lifted controls on interest rates for deposit accounts with at least one billion yen (£3.14 million). The first significant breach of the country's strict interest rate regulations.

The measure, effective from October 1, and announced in general terms on July 30 in the government's "programme of action" for liberalization, relates to deposits ranging from three months to two years.

With this committee due to meet again in November, the finance ministry said it intended to bring forward by six *months the freeing of interest* rates on deposits with at least 100 million yen which was envisaged for the spring of 1987.

Additionally, before this year is out, the authorized maximum for rates on 500 million and 300 million yen deposits will be ended in two phases. It is 5.75 per cent now.

This start ot dismantling rate regulations, a prerogative jealously guarded hitherto by the cental bank and the ministry, should have greater impact than earlier adjustments to the financial markets, bankers said.

The president of the bank federation, Mr Nonbuya Hagura, said: "The impact will be *greater than when certificates* of deposit and monetary market certificates were introduced".

Hanson may renew SCM bid

By Jeremy Warner

Hanson Trust may not after all have dropped out of the bidding for SCM Corporation, the New York chemicals to typewriters conglomerate.

Wall Street observers reported heavy buying of SCM shares by Hanson Trust yesterday despite its statement on Wednesday evening that it was cancelling its $72 a share bid in the face of a higher offer worth $74 a share or $907 million (£692 million) in total from SCM's own management.

Hanson said it was unable to comment on yesterday's reports or whether it had withdrawn from the fray for good.

The report of Hanson's share buying prompeted swift action by SCM, which obtained a restraining order from a federal court barring Hanson from acquiring any more shares for 24 hours.

SCM alleged in court that Hanson had violated US securities laws by buying shares from stock market arbitrageurs and other sources soon after cancelling its bid.

Wall Street observers estimated that Hanson had bought between 1.5 million and two million SCM shares by the close of business in New York on Wednesday evening.

The management buyout bid, which was agreed with Merrill Lynch and Prudential Insurance Company of America on Wednesday morning, was conditional on shareholders selling at least two thirds of SCM shares to Merrill Lynch. If Hanson Trust were to buy more than a third of the stock it would have a good chance of upsetting that takeover agreement.

Merrill Lynch admitted last night that it might have a fight on its hands, but said it hoped the legal action would maintain the status quo.

Lord Rockley: confident of working with Fleming

DCL enlists Kleinwort for bid fight

By Our City Staff

The Distillers Company has engaged Kleinwort Benson along with its other merchant bank adviser, Robert Fleming, to help bolster its defence against the expected takeover bid from Mr James Gulliver's Argyll Group.

The move is a blow to Fleming, which has acted for the Johnnie Walker Red Label whisky to Gordon's gin drinks group for many years

However, both banks said last night that they would be acting in a joint advisory capacity and there was no question of Fleming taking a back seat.

Lord Rockley, head of corporate finance at Kleinwort, *said he was confident the two* banks could work together in an advisory role, and that Fleming had been instrumental in helping to select Kleinwort

Argyll Group has also been rearranging its advisers in *anticipation of the bid battle.* Broad Street Associates, which acted as the outside public relations firm to Guinness during its successful bid for Arthur Bell & Sons, has been brought in alongside Valin Pollen to help with public relations.

Saatchi & Saatchi, the advertising agency which also helped during the Guinness bid for Bell's, has been employed to do Argyll's corporate advertising and the design work on the offer documents during the bid.

Mr James Gulliver told Argyll shareholders at yesterday's annual meeting in London that he was not able to add to his recent statement on Distillers which said the group had "no present *intention*" of bidding.

Imperial buys Famous Names

Imperial Group is paying £15.5 million for Famous Names, maker of the eponymous liqueur chocolates. It is Imperial's first venture into confectionery.

Imperial's food interests are *small in relation to its tobacco* and brewing businesses, with names like John Player, St Bruno and Courage.

Profits gloom hits Rothmans shares

By Cliff Feltham

Shares in Rothmans International, the cigarettes group, fell yesterday after Sir Robert Crichton-Brown, the chairman, confirmed the stock market's worst suspicions that it ws heading for another troubled year.

The shares, which have fallen from 210p this year, lost 8p at one time before closing at 120p, a 4p fall on the day.

Sir Robert told the annual meeting that recovery was still some way off as the company grappled with problems of falling tobacco consumption in its main markets. Its Canadian brewing offshoot, Carling O'Keefe, remained in a fierce trading war which had severely dented *profitability*.

Last year, Rothmans' profits slumped by £30 million to £121.9 million and analysts have been steadily downgrading forecasts for this year.

Last night, Mr Brian McDougall, of the stockbroker Grieveson Grant, said: "I have already cut my forecast for the current year from £140 million to £125 million. I can see very little recovery or progress for a long time. It is in declining markets everywhere."

IN BRIEF

Board post for Smith

Professor Roland Smith, chairman of House of Fraser, which was recently acquired by the Al-Fayed brothers, is joining the board of Hepworth Ceramic as a non-executive director amid speculation that he will soon replace Mr Peter Goodall, aged 65 as chairman.

Professor Smith's marketing skills could be useful to Hepworth Ceramic, which produces building materials. The company yesterday announced a drop in profits from £20 million to £13.5 million before tax in the six months to June 30. Turnover was almost unchanged at £190 million.

The company attributed the profits fall to bad winter weather and a price war among makers of plastic pipes. Recent recovery prompted the directors to increase the dividend from 2.75p to 2.9p.

Dividend up

Shell Transport and Trading yesterday announced an interim dividend of 12.5p a share, up from 11.9p last year. The supplementary arrangement with Royal Dutch Petroleum has ceased.

Mr John Walker-Haworth, a director of S G Warburg, is to become the next director-general of the Takeover Panel. He takes over from Mr Timothy Barker, who is returning to Kleinwort Benson, on December 9. Mr Walker-Haworth returned from Hong Kong earlier this year after setting up East Asia Warburg.

Profits advance

United Biscuits lifted profits from £34.6 million to £36.3 million before tax in the six months to July 13. Turnover was up from £847 million to £992 million and the interim dividend is 2.85p, against 2.7p.

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Burmah boost

Burmah Oil is to pay an interim dividend of 4.5p (3.5p), after pretax profits rose from £27.8 million to £37.2 million, for the six months to June 30.

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Investment fall

Industrial investment dropped 14.8 per cent in the second quarter, according to revised figures from the Department of Trade and Industry. This came after a 15 per cent increase during the first quarter.

Bonus shares to be blocked

Stock Conversion's plan to woo its shareholders by offering a two-for-one bonus share issue is to be blocked by Stockley, the property company which has a 26.5 per cent stake in Stock Conversion.

At an extraordinary general meeting next week stockley is also to vote against a resolution increasing Stock Conversion's authorized *share capital* to £52 million with the creation of 155 new 25p shares. Stock Conversion's move to keep its shareholders sweet has been seen as an attempt to make the company more bid-proof, namely from *Stockley* which has yet to make its intentions clear over its holdings.

Stockley has the power to block the special resolution put up by the Stock Conversion board, because at 75 per cent vote is needed for it to be passed.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	1014.0 (+7.4)
FT All Share	635.78 (+4.09)
FT Govt Securities	82.74 (−0.05)
FT-SE 100	1313.3 (+11.1)
Bargains	20,596
Datastream USM	107.09 (+0.34)
New York	
Dow Jones	1,319.77 (−0.32)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	12,603.04 (−22.21)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1,596.42 (+24.47)
Sydney: AO	955.3 (+0.3)
Amsterdam: Gen	220.9 (−0.3)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1,523.3 (+9.6)
Brussels:	
General	423.32 (−0.32)
Paris: CAC	219.8 (−0.7)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $318.00pm-$319.25
close $320.00-$320.50 (£244.50-245.00)
New York:
Comex (Latest) $321.65

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:		
Douglas, Robert M	62	+14
A & M Hire	20	+2
Raybeck	35	+3.5
Whessoe	106	+10
Ryan Intl	32.5	+3
Cannon Str Invs	55	+5
Wordplex	110	+10
Appleyard Group	71	+6
Caird, A & Sons	36	+3
Faringa Mining	62	+5
Lewmar	113	+8
Dufay Bitumastic	45	+3
Carlton Comm	810	+50
Nu-Swift	49	+3
Kennedy Brookes	253	+15
Monument Oil & Gas	17	+1
United Biscuits	191	+11
Neil & Spencer	18	+1
Lee Cooper	128	+7
Ocean Transport	183	+10
FALLS:		
Bridon	108	−17
Garnar Booth	183	−36
Intervis Video	5.5	−0.5
Stoddard Hdgs	13	−1
Oilfield Inspec	75	−5

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.3210 (+0.0128)
£: DM 3.8680 (−0.0031)
£: SwFr 3.1859 (−0.0072)
£: FFr 11.7857(−0.0049)
£: Yen 318.69 (+0.16)
£ Index: 80.2 (+0.03)
New York:
£: $1.3180
$: DM 2.9432
$ Index: 142.2 (−0.2)
ECU £ N/A
SDR £0.767892

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 11½%
3-month Interbank 11$^{11}/_{16}$-11$^{9}/_{16}$%
3-month eligible bills:
buying rate 11$^{7}/_{32}$-11$^{5}/_{32}$
US:
Prime Rate 9.50%
Federal Funds 7$^{15}/_{16}$%
3-month Treasury Bills 7.25-7.23%
Long bond 99$^{1}/_{8}$-99$^{5}/_{32}$

Burmah

Interim results to 30 June 1985

A Successful Half Year

Profits up and strategic progress maintained

Trading Results

The Group's principal businesses have continued to perform strongly. The benefits of rationalisation and disposals are now showing through clearly. As a result there has been a significant improvement in first half profit.

	Half year to 30 June 1985 £ million	Half year to 30 June 1984 £ million
Profit before tax	37.2	27.8
Profit after tax, less minority interests	23.7	13.1

Strategic Developments

So far this year the Group's exploration interests have been expanded, with a first time investment in Colombia and extension of acreage in the UK. New investmen in Speciality Chemicals has increased market shares and international coverage.

The last of the Group's long term oil tanker charters were terminated and significant moves were made towards the disposal of Quinton Hazell with the sale of Standard Motorists' Centres and the Silencer division.

The Burmah Oil Public Limited Company

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WALL STREET

	Sept 11	Sept 10		Sept 11	Sept 10		Sept 11	Sept 10
AMF Inc	13½	13⅜	Exxon Corp	52½	52⅝	Pfizer	46⅝	47½
AMR	43	43⅞	Fed Dept Stores	59⅞	58¼	Phelps Dodge	20½	20⅝
Allied Corp	42⅝	43	Firestone	19⅛	19	Philip Morris	79¼	79⅝
Allied Stores	54⅝	55⅝	Fst Chicago	22⅞	22⅝	Phillips Petrol	11⅝	11⅞
Allis Chalmers	3⅞	3⅞	Fst Interst Bncp	47⅝	48⅝	Polaroid	30¼	30⅝
Alcoa	34⅝	35	Fst Penn Corp	6¼	6⅝	PPG Ind	43	44
Amax Inc	14¼	15	Ford	44½	44⅝	Proctor Gamble	55⅝	56⅝
Amerada Hess	27¼	27¼	GAF Corp	35¼	35	Pub Ser El & Gas	28⅝	28½
Am Brands	59⅝	59⅞	GTE Corp	38⅝	38⅝	Raytheon	49¼	49⅝
Am Broadcast	115⅝	115⅞	Gen Corp	45⅛	45⅝	RCA Corp	44¼	44⅞
Am Can	57⅛	56⅝	Gen Dynamics	77⅝	79⅝	Reynolds Ind	27½	28⅛
Am Cyanamid	52½	52⅞	Gen Electric	60	60⅝	Reynolds Metal	33¾	35
Am Elec Power	20⅝	21¼	Gen Foods	87⅝	90	Rockwell Int	39⅞	40⅞
Am Express	41½	42¼	Gen Mills	57⅝	58½	Royal Dutch	58⅞	59½
Am Home	57⅛	58⅝	Gen Motors	67¾	69½	Safeways	30⅝	31¼
Am Hospital	47	48⅞	Gen Pub Util NY	13⅝	14¼	Sara Lee	43	43⅝
Am Motors	3⅛	3¼	Genesco	3⅝	3⅝	SFE Sopac	32⅝	32¼
Am Standard	28½	28⅝	Georgia Pacific	22¼	22⅝	SCM	72⅝	73⅛
Am Telephone	21⅛	21½	Gillette	60¼	60⅝	Schlumberger	35⅞	37⅞
Amoco	64	64⅞	Goodrich	31¼	31⅜	Scott Paper	41¼	42
Armco Steel	8⅛	8⅜	Goodyear	27⅝	28	Seagram	39	39¼
Asarco	22¼	22½	Gould Inc	26½	27½	Sears Roebuck	34⅝	35
Ashland Oil	33¼	33⅝	Grace	41¼	41⅜	Shell Trans	36⅝	37¼
Atlantic Richfield	60	60⅝	Gt Atlc & Pacific	15⅝	15⅝	Signal Cp	42⅝	42⅞
Avon Products	23⅝	23⅞	Greyhound	29⅝	29¾	Singer	36⅝	38½
Bankers Tst NY	65	65⅝	Grumman Corp	32⅝	32⅝	Smithkline Beck	65⅝	65⅝
Bankamerica	14⅛	14⅜	Gulf & West	41½	42	Sony	15⅝	15⅝
Bank of Boston	49⅝	50⅝	Heinz H. J.	53⅝	54⅝	Sth Cal Edison	24¼	24¼
Bank of NY	41	41⅞	Hercules	35½	36⅝	Sperry Corp	49¼	50
Beatrice Foods	33⅝	33⅝	Hewlett-Pkrd	35⅝	34¼	Std Oil Ohio	45	45⅝
Bethlehem Steel	17¼	17⅝	Honeywell	63⅞	64⅝	Sterling Drug	31	31⅞
Boeing	47¼	48	IC Inds	33	33¼	Stevens J. P.	25⅛	23⅝
Boise Cascade	45½	45½	Ingersoll	51	52	Sun Comp	49⅝	48⅝
Borden	37½	37½	Inland Steel	25⅝	25⅝	Teledyne	237⅝	237½
Borg Warner	21	21⅜	IBM	127⅛	127⅛	Tenneco	40¼	40⅝
Bristol Myers	57⅞	58¼	Int Harvester	8⅛	8¼	Texaco	35⅝	36½
BP	28⅝	29⅝	INCO	13⅝	13½	Texas East Corp	34⅝	34⅝
Burlington Ind	26⅝	26	Int Paper	48¼	48¼	Texas Inst	93⅝	93⅝
Burlington Nthn	62¼	63½	Int Tel Tel	33⅝	33⅝	Texas Utilities	28	28⅞
Burroughs	64⅜	65	Irving Bank	36	37¼	Textron	51	51⅝
Campbell Soup	38⅛	38⅛	Jim Walter	34⅞	34½	TWA	18⅞	18⅞
Canadian Pacific	12⅝	12⅝	Johnson & John	45⅝	48	Travelers Corp	40	40⅝
Caterpillar	35⅝	36	Kaiser Alumin	17½	17⅝	TRW Inc	75½	75½
Celanese	114⅛	115⅞	Kerr McGee	29⅞	29⅝	UAL Inc	54	54
Central SW	24⅝	24⅞	Kimberly Clark	60⅞	60	Union Carbide	53⅝	54¼
Champion	22⅝	22⅞	K Mart	31⅞	31⅞	Unocal	29½	29⅝
Chase Manhat	53½	54⅛	Kroger	43	43	Un Pacific Corp	47¼	48
Chem Bank NY	39¾	39⅝	L.T.V. Corp	7⅝	8	Uniroyal	21½	21½
Chevron	37	37¼	Litton	81	82⅝	United Brands	21⅝	21½
Chrysler	37⅛	37⅞	Lockheed	51	51⅝	US Steel	29⅝	29⅝
Citicorp	42⅝	44¼	Lucky Stores	22¼	22	Utd Technol	38⅝	38⅞
Clark Equip	30½	31⅜	Manuf Hanover	36¼	38½	Wachovia	31⅝	31⅞
Coca Cola	68	68	Manville Cp	5½	5⅝	Warner Lambert	39	38⅞
Colgate	25⅛	26	Mapco	36⅝	36½	Wells Fargo	53⅝	53⅞
CBS	116½	119¼	Marine Midland	32¼	32⅝	Westnghse Elec	38⅛	38⅝
Columbia Gas	33⅝	33⅝	Martin Marietta	34½	35⅞	Weyerhauser	27⅝	28⅝
Combustion Eng	28	28¼	Masco	31⅛	31⅞	Whirlpool	45¼	45⅞
Comwlth Edison	29⅞	30	McDonnell	74⅞	76⅝	Woolworth	48½	48¼
Cons Edison	33⅝	34¼	Mead	40⅝	41¼	Xerox Corp	51⅝	52
Cons Nat Gas	40⅜	40⅜	Merck	112⅛	113¼	Ze[illegible]	18⅝	18⅝
Cons Power	7⅝	7¼	Minnesota Mng	76⅝	76⅛	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Control Data	23⅛	23¼	Mobil Oil	29¼	29⅝	Abitibi	20½	20⅝
Corning Glass	47⅝	48	Monsanto	47¼	48	Alcan Alumin	36⅛	36⅝
CPC Intl	44¼	44⅜	Morgan J. P.	47⅝	48	Algoma Steel	18⅞	19¼
Crane	37¼	36⅝	Motorola	34⅝	34⅝	Bell Telephone	42½	42⅞
Crown Zeller	37⅞	38¼	NCR Corp	35⅞	34⅛	Can Pacific	16⅝	17
Dart & Kraft	35⅝	35⅛	NL Industries	11⅛	11⅝	Cominco	12⅝	12½
Deere	26⅛	26¼	Nabisco	84	84	Cons Bathurst	16¼	16⅝
Delta Air	44⅝	44⅞	Nat Distillers	32⅜	32⅜	Gulf Oil	20¼	20⅛
Detroit Edison	15½	15⅝	Nat Med Ent	23⅝	23⅝	Hawker/Sid Can	20¼	20½
Digital Equip	104⅝	105¼	Norfolk South	68⅝	68⅝	Hudson Bay Mln	6⅝	6⅝
Disney	87⅝	87⅞	NW Bancorp	24	24½	Imasco	29⅝	28⅞
Dow Chemical	35	36¼	Occidental Pet	31⅛	31½	Imperial Oil	50⅞	52
Dresser Ind	20	20⅜	Ogden	30	30⅛	Int Pipe	41⅞	42
Duke Power	31¼	31⅝	Olin Corp	30⅝	30½	Mass.-Fergsn	3.30	3.35
Du Pont	55½	55⅝	Owens-Illinois	47⅝	48½	Royal Trustco	22	22½
Eastern Air	9⅝	10	Pacific Gas Elec	18⅝	18¼	Seagram	53½	53¾
Eastman Kodak	43¼	44¼	Pan Am	7⅝	8	Steel Co	21	20⅞
Eaton Corp	53⅝	54½	Penney J. C.	49⅝	49⅝	Thomson N 'A	22¼	22
Emerson Elect	69½	70⅝	Pennzoil	47	47¼	Walker Hiram	32⅞	33
Evans Prod	1⅞	1⅞	Pepsico	58	58⅝	WCT	17⅛	17⅛

● Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Dow drifts at start

New York (Reuter) – The Dow Jones industrial average was up 0.90 points in early trading to 1,320.23. Declines led advances by two to one on turnover of 10.91 million shares.

Rockefeller Center Properties led the actives, trading for the *first day at 20⅛ on volume of* nearly three million shares.

Kansas Gas and Electric was down 1¾ to 12⅛ Investors have been worried about the effects on the company if it fails to win the full extent of a requested *rate boost.*

Texas Utilities was down ⅞ to 27⅛. American Express was up ¼ to 41½. Gen Motors was unchanged at 67¾ and A T & T was also unchanged at 21⅛. Westinghouse Elct was up to 38⅛ *but US Steel was down* ⅛ to 29⅝. Exxon was down ¼ to 51⅞.

● Consumer instalment credit in the US is estimated to have grown $7.3 billion (£5.6 billion) in July, based on the average of forecasts by 17 *leading* economists

The expected *increase* would follow a $6.8 billion increase in June.

Mr Stephen Slifer, an economist with Sherrson Lehman Brothers Inc, has called for a 8 billion increase. "I feel that the $6.8 billion (June growth) is not going to be sustained and it will go back up to levels we had seen in earlier months", he said.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Dec 85	88.84	88.88	88.77	88.86	1670
Mar 86	89.10	89.20	89.10	89.18	154
Jun 86	89.15	89.27	89.15	89.28	118
Sep 86	89.30	89.33	89.30	89.27	10
Previous day's total open interest 5938					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Dec 85	91.21	91.22	91.18	91.21	3250
Mar 86	90.83	90.85	90.81	90.84	338
Jun 86	90.47	90.48	90.44	90.47	177
Sep 86	90.12	90.13	90.12	90.12	25
Previous day's total open interest 18586					
US Treasury Bond					
Sep 85	75-20	75-20	75-17	75-20	13
Dec 85	74-09	74-15	74-03	74-12	1729
Previous day's total open interest 2223					
Short Gilt					
Dec 85	97-23	97-29	97-20	97-25	776
Mar 86	NT	–	–	97-40	0
Jun 86	NT	–	–	–	0
Previous day's total open interest 610					
Long Gilt					
Sep 85	110-23	110-28	110-23	110-28	8
Dec 85	110-20	110-29	110-19	110-26	1563
Mar 86	NT	–	–	111-10	0
Previous day's total open interest 3263					
FT-SE 100					
Sep 85	130.15	131.40	130.15	131.35	180
Dec 85	131.00	132.00	131.00	132.00	21
Previous day's total open interest 1691					

COMMODITIES

Financials once again stole the show yesterday, largely responding to the dollar. Liffe saw good business. But metals were mixed. Copper rose again in sterling terms, followed by tin.

Weak demand and fears of stock rises kept aluminium down.

Among the softs, cocoa showed some strength, helped by origins staying away from the market. Coffee and sugar, however, were down.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
Rubber in p per kilo;
Soyabean meal, coffee and cocoa in £ per tonne;
Gas-oil and sugar in US $ per tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

RUBBER	
Oct	580 sellers
Nov	590 sellers
Dec	600 sellers
Jan	unquoted
Feb	unquoted
Mar	unquoted
Apr	unquoted
May	unquoted
Jun	unquoted
Oct/Dec	580 sellers
Jan/March	unquoted
Apr/June	unquoted
Vol	Nil
SUGAR (Raw)	
Oct	138.40–38.00
Dec	141.80–41.60
Mar	151.20–51.00
May	154.80–54.60
Aug	161.00–60.00
Oct	166.00–165.60
Dec	unquoted
Vol	2,121
SUGAR (White) No 5 at 16.25	
Oct	unquoted
Dec	unquoted
Mar	unquoted
May	unquoted
Aug	unquoted
Oct	unquoted
Dec	unquoted
Vol	Nil
COCOA	
Sep	1625–24
Nov	1666–64
Mar	1808–07
May	1826–24
Jly	1835–34
Sep	1845–44
Dec	1847–42
Vol	2,318–
COFFEE	
Sep	1625–24
Nov	1666–64
Jan	1703–00
Mar	1735–33
May	1770–65
Jly	1800–1780
Sept	1849–1790
Vol	127/1551
SOYABEAN	
Oct	122.0–20.0
Dec	122.0–21.5
Feb	125.6–25.0
Apr	126.8–26.0
Jun	127.5–26.6
Aug	129.5–27.5
Oct	131.5–28.5
Vol	260
GAS OIL	
Oct	242.25–42.00
Nov	239.25–38.00
Dec	236.75–36.50
Jan	234.75–34.50
Feb	232.50–31.25
Mar	223.75–23.00
Apr	216.00–15.00
May	225.00–10.00
Jne	230.00–200.000
Vol	1,217

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official turnover figures
Prices in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	1036-37
Three months	1064-65
Vol	6,000
Tone	Barely steady
STANDARD CATHODES	
Cash	1017-1018
Three months	1043.50-1044.00
Vol	350
Tone	Steady but quite
TIN STANDARD	
Cash	9230-9205
Three months	9163-9164
Vol	755
Tone	Steady
TIN HIGH–GRADE	
Cash	9200-9205
Three months	9165-9164
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle
LEAD	
Cash	297.00-298.00
Three months	301.00-302.00
Vol	3,300
Tone	Barely steady
ZINC STANDARD	
Cash	527.00-529.00
Vol	400
Tone	Quiet
ZINC HIGH GRADE	
Cash	531.00-532.00
Three months	536.00-537.00
SILVER LARGE	
Cash	458.0-458.5
Three months	471.0-471.5
Vol	83
Tone	Steady, quiet
SILVER SMALL	
Cash	458.0-458.5
Three months	471.0-471.5
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle
ALUMINIUM	
Cash	753.00-754.00
Three months	776.00-777.00
Vol	8,200
Tone	Barely steady
NICKEL	
Cash	3555-3565
Three months	3590-3605
Vol	192
Tone	Easy

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 12
GB: Cattle, 94.40p per kg lw (−0.17).
GB: Sheep, 147.55p per kg est d. c w (+5.38).
GB: Pigs, 86.31p per kg lw (+2.21).

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 35.3 per cent, ave. price, 94.95p (+0.00).
Sheep nos. down 21.0 per cent, ave. price, 147.69p (+4.18).
Pig nos. up 4.0 per cent, ave. price, 85.43p (+2.24).

Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 23.8 per cent, ave. price, 92.95p (+0.45).
Sheep nos. down 38.1 per cent, ave. price, 146.94p (+9.26).
Pig nos. down 1.5 per cent, ave. price, 79.16p (+0.31).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Sep	104.25	102.60
Nov	104.55	104.40
Jan	107.90	108.15
Mar	110.90	111.10
May	114.10	114.00
Jul	116.70	–

Volume:
Wheat 174
Barley 42

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE
Live Pig Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Sep	100.0	100.0
Oct	102.0	102.0
Nov	109.0	109.0
Jan	098.0	098.0
Feb	097.5	097.5
Mar	095.0	095.0
May	095.0	095.0
Jun	095.0	096.0
Jul	095.0	095.0
Aug	098.0	098.0
		Vol.7

Pig meat
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Oct	118.7	114.8
Nov	114.8	115.8
Feb	102.2	102.9
Apr	103.3	104.3
Jun	101.8	102.7
Aug	100.8	102.0
		Vol.127

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Nov	58.00	58.00
Feb	68.50	68.50
Apr	81.50	83.20
May	87.40	89.20
		Vol.459

BALTIC FREIGHT INDEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd report
$10 per index point

	High/Low	Close
Oct 85	850.0-840.0	840.0
Jan 86	890.0-884.0	889.0
Apr 86	947.0-945.0	944.5
Jul 86	865.0-860.0	865.0
Oct 86	—	950.0
Jan 87	—	1000.0
Apr 87	—	1000.0
Jul 87	—	985.0

Spot: 758.0
Vol 125 lots.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The dollar reversed its fortunes yesterday, climbing to high levels in the morning, before profit-taking took it back to below the overnight level against the mark during afternoon trading.

The pound also reversed its pattern, opening weaker and closing firmer. Sterling ended the day at 1.3210 against the dollar, a rise of 128 points on the overnight.

Against the mark, sterling also gained ground, to close at 3.8680 (3.8585). The effective index opened 0.1 down and dipped further to 79.7 at one stage, before ending a net 0.3 up on the previous close, at 80.2.

The pound, still troubled by oil price worries, nevertheless remains encouraged by the recent money supply indication, which suggested that British interest rates would remain at present levels for the time being.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range September 12	Market rates close September 12	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.2950-1.3220	$1.3200-1.3220	0.37-0.34c prem	1.02-0.97c prem
Montreal	$1.7835-1.8015	$1.7981-1.8015	0.42-0.33c prem	1.07-0.93c prem
Amsterdam	4.3217-4.3476fl	4.3387-4.3476fl	2⅛-1⅞c prem	6⅛-5⅞c prem
Brussels	77.65-78.18f	77.98-78.14f	20-13c prem	49-38c prem
Copenhagen	13.9937-14.0443k	14.0217-14.0443k	3⅛-2⅝ore prem	9-7⅞ore prem
Dublin	1.2392-1.2445p	1.2407-1.2417p	24-8p prem	55-25p prem
Frankfurt	3.8532-3.8721m	3.8645-3.8715m	2¼-2⅛pf prem	6⅝-6⅛pf prem
Lisbon	227.41-232.22e	229.34-232.22e	65-395e disc	400-1380e disc
Madrid	227.48-229.01p	228.62-229.01p	5-65p disc	45-155p disc
Milan	2561.10-2587.50lr	2580.70-2587.50lr	1prem-4lr disc	3-10lr disc
Oslo	11.2173-11.3076k	11.2736-11.2996k	1⅛-2⅛ore disc	2⅛-3ore disc
Paris	11.7410-11.8180f	11.7724-11.7980f	2⅞-1⅝c prem	5⅛-3⅝c prem
Stockholm	11.2826-11.3324k	11.3063-11.3324k	3¼-3⅞ore disc	9⅝-10¼ore disc
Tokyo	315.98-318.97y	318.40-318.97y	1½-1¼y prem	4⅛-3⅞y prem
Vienna	27.15-27.20sch	27.16-27.20sch	14⅝-13⅞gro prem	42⅞-38⅞gro prem
Zurich	3.1751-3.1927f	3.1821-3.1897f	2-1⅝c prem	5½-5⅛c prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up 0.3 at 80.2 (day's range 79.7-80.2).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1.0428-1.0460
Australia dollar	1.9540-1.9584
Bahrain dinar	n.a.
Brazil cruzeiro*	9606.0-9650.0
Cyprus pound	n.a.
Finland marka	8.1285-8.1460
Greece drachma	182.20-186.08
Hong Kong dollar	10.2910-10.3002
India rupee	n.a.
Iraq dinar	n.a.
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.4008-0.4013
Malaysia dollar	3.3151-3.3206
Mexico peso	n.a.
New Zealand dollar	2.5061-2.5129
Saudi Arabia riyal	4.7652-4.7700
Singapore dollar	3.0358-3.0420
South Africa rand	3.2358-3.2787
United Arab Emirates dirham	4.7919-4.7969

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.0550-1.0570
Singapore	2.3050-2.3080
Malaysia	2.5175-2.5195
Australia	0.6730-0.6740
Canada	1.3725-1.3735
Sweden	8.6250-8.6400
Norway	8.6000-8.6150
Denmark	10.7800-10.7850
West Germany	2.9400-2.9420
Switzerland	2.4210-2.4260
Netherlands	3.3040-3.3070
France	8.9450-8.9550
Japan	243.00-243.15
Italy	1963.00-1967.00
Belgium(Comm)	59.30-59.40
Hong Kong	7.8140-7.8160
Portugal	175.75-176.75
Spain	173.10-173.40

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

With the market apparently becalmed yesterday period rates stayed close to overnight levels. The overnight rate, having opened at 11½-¼ per cent, sat at 11⅜-¼ per cent for the morning in quiet trading.

It remained at about 11⅝-⅜ per cent during lunch, climbing to about 13 per cent towards the end.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11½
Finance House 12

Discount Market Loans%
Overnight: High 11¾ Low 11
Week fixed: 11⅝-11¼

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	11⅛	2 months	11³⁄₃₂
3 months	11⅛	3 months	11

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 month	11¹¹⁄₃₂-11⁹⁄₃₂	2 months	11⅛-11⅞
3 months	11⅞₂ 11⁵⁄₃₂	6 months	10²⁹⁄₃₂-10²⁵⁄₃₂

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 month	11²³⁄₃₂	*2 months*	11⅞
3 months	11²⁷⁄₃₂	6 months	11¹⁹⁄₃₂

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11½-11¼ close 12

1 week	11½-11⁷⁄₁₆	6 months	11⁹⁄₁₆-11½
1 month	11⅝-11⁹⁄₁₆	9 months	11½-11⅜
3 months	11¹¹⁄₁₆-11⁹⁄₁₆	12 months	11⁷⁄₁₆-11⁵⁄₁₆

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days	11⅝	7 days	11⅝
1 month	11½	3 months	11½
6 months	11⅜	12 months	10⅞

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 month	12½-12	2 months	12⅛-11⅞
3 months	12-11¾	6 months	11¾-11½
9 months	11⅝-11⅜	12 months	11⅝-11⅜

Sterling CDs (%)

1 month	11⅝-11⁹⁄₁₆	3 months	11⅝-11½
6 months	11⁵⁄₁₆-11³⁄₁₆	12 months	11¹⁄₁₆-10¹⁵⁄₁₆

Dollar CDs (%)

1 month	8.15-8.05	3 months	8.30-8.20
6 months	8.50-8.40	12 months	8.95-8.85

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	8-7
7 days	8⅛-8	1 month	8⅛-8⅛
3 months	8⁷⁄₁₆-8⁵⁄₁₆	6 months	8¹¹⁄₁₆-8⁹⁄₁₆
Deutschmark		call	5-4
7 days	4⁷⁄₁₆-4⁵⁄₁₆	1 month	4½-4⅜
3 months	4⁹⁄₁₆-4⁷⁄₁₆	6 months	4¹¹⁄₁₆-4⁹⁄₁₆
French Franc		*call*	10⅞-9½
7 days	9¹¹⁄₁₆-9⁹⁄₁₆	1 month	9⅝-9⅜
3 months	9¹³⁄₁₆-9¹¹⁄₁₆	6 months	10⁹⁄₁₆-10⁷⁄₁₆
Swiss Franc		call	2⅝-1⅜
7 days	2⅝-2½	1 month	4⁵⁄₁₆-4⁷⁄₁₆
3 months	4¹¹⁄₁₆-4⁹⁄₁₆	6 months	4¹³⁄₁₆-4¹¹⁄₁₆
Yen		call	6⅛-5½
7 days	6⁷⁄₁₆-6⁵⁄₁₆	1 month	6⁹⁄₁₆-6⁷⁄₁₆
3 months	6⁷⁄₁₆-6⁵⁄₁₆	6 months	6⁷⁄₁₆-6⁵⁄₁₆

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin):
$323.00-324.50 (£246.75-248.00)
Sovereigns* (new):
$75.50-76.50 (£57.75-58.50)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period 7 August, 1985, to 3 September 1985, inclusive: 11.574 per cent

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1985 High	Low	Stock	Price		Ch'ge	Int. only yld %	Gross Red. yld %	
101	87	Alisa	93	●	..	2.6	2.8	..
686	589	Alliance	635	●	..	28.1m	4.1	..
155	118	Amer Trust	127	●	..	4.5	3.4	..
302	245	Ang Amer Sec	272	●	+1	8.1	3.0	..
145	129	Ashdown	129		+1	4.2b	3.3	..
120	98	Atlantic Assets	108		+1	0.8	0.7	..
102	83	Bankers	95		+3	3.5b	3.6	..
194	152	Berry	165		..	1.4b	0.9	..
178	152	Border & Sthrn	160		+3	4.7	2.9	..
215	190	Br Assets	210	●	+1	9.9b	4.7	..
31¼	25	Br Empire Sec	31¼		..	1.2	4.1	..
373	312	British Inv	341		..	20.5	6.0	..
75	64	Brunner	72		−1	3.1b	4.4	..
80	72	Charter Agency	79½		+1½	3.2b	4.1	..
665	525	Continental	618		+5	29.6	4.8	..
178	119	Crescent Japan	130		..	1.1	0.9	..
485	385	Delta	398		..			..
109	97	Derby Inc	104		..	10.9	10.5	..
108	95	Do Cap	104		..			..
295	264	Drayton Cons	285		..	13.4b	4.6	..
148	112	Drayton Far East	122	●	..	1.8	1.5	..
420	348	Drayton Japan	378		+1	3.6e	1.0	..
418	383	Drayton Premier	418	●	+4	20.7b	5.0	..
183	160	Dundee Lon	178		+1	7.4b	4.3	..
118	89	Edin Amer Asset	104		+1	0.6	0.6	..
117	103	Edinburgh	114		+1	4.1b	3.6	..
292	254	Electric Gen	273		..	5.1	1.9	..
127	114	English Int	120		..	5.0	4.2	..
78	65	English Scot	73		−2	1.8	2.5	..
108½	81	English NY	105	●	+1	3.6	3.4	..
97	76	F & C Alliance	82		..	2.4	3.0	..
166	122	F&C Pacific	132		+1	5.4	4.1	..
228	188	Family	222		..	11.3b	5.1	..
279	242	First Scot Amer	272	●	+4	12.9b	4.7	..
165	120	First Un Gen	128		..	8.7	7.3	..
590	436	Fleming American	453		−4	7.5	1.7	..
280	225	Fleming Claver	276	●	−2	12.8	4.6	..
270	233	Fleming Enterprise	264	●	−4	12.1	4.6	..
108	78	Fleming Far East	79½		+½	1.4	1.8	..
113	100	Fleming Fledgling	110		..	3.6	3.2	..
560	408	Fleming Japan	413		..	5.7	1.4	..
120	105	Fleming Mercantile	113	●	..	4.3	3.8	..
134	104	Fleming Overseas	107	●	+½	3.9	3.7	..
163	120	Fleming Tech	124	●	..	3.3	2.7	..
334	272	Fleming Universal	288		..	7.1	2.5	..
74	59	For Col	62½	●	..	2.0b	3.2	..
121	92	GBC Capital	94		−1			..
165	115	GT Japan	122		..	2.0b	1.6	..
124	97	General Funds	117	●	−2	2.7	2.3	..
281	230	General Cons	252		.	14.3b	5.7	..
125	103½	Glasgow Stock	118	●	..	2.8b	2.6	..

1985 High	Low	Stock	Price		Ch'ge	Int. only yld %	Gross Red yld %	
289	251	Globe	281		+1	14.1	5.0	..
246	202	Greenfriar	244		..	2.3	0.9	..
275	229	Gresham House	255		..	6.3	2.5	..
164	138	Hambros	161		+2	6.0	3.7	..
287	235	Hill (P)	252		..	13.8	5.5	..
540	448	Invest-in Success	485	●	..	7.5	1.7	..
285	208	Inv Cap	224	●	+1	5.2r	2.3	..
62	46½	Japan Assets	49		+½	0.1	0.1	..
161½	127	Lake View	133		+1	3.3	2.5	..
191	162	Law Debenture	175	●	..	8.6b	4.9	..
86	68	Lon Merchant Sec	78		+1	3.1	4.0	..
89	68	Lon Trust	75	●	..	6.1	8.0	..
98	88	Merchants	95	●	..	5.4b	5.6	..
174	135	Monks	140		−1	3.4b	2.5	..
121	105	Murray Income	119	●	..	7.7b	6.5	..
118	85	Murray Growth	115½		−½	2.0	1.7	..
184	112	Murray Intl	125	●	+1	6.4a	5.1	..
188	165	Murray Small	188	●	..	3.7	2.0	..
292	255	Murray Venture	255		..	6.3b	2.2	..
393	354	New Court	362		..	20.4	5.6	..
77	51	New Darien Oil	65		..	0.5e	0.7	..
178	153	1928	180	●	..	8.7	4.2	..
44½	37	Nwthrog Inc 83	44½		+1	3.8b	8.7	..
243	157	New Tokyo	175		..	2.1	1.2	..
284	247	Nth Atlantic Sec	255		+1	4.8	1.9	..
125	88	Nth Sea Assets	89		..	0.7	0.8	..
263	224	Nthn Amer	243		+2	7.7b	3.2	..
159	126	Outwich	135		..	4.3	3.2	..
101	89	Pacific Assets	98		..	...		..
43	33	*Do Wrnts*	33		−1			..
45	32	Personal Assets	42	●	+1	0.3	0.7	..
348	292	Raeburn	313		−2	14.1b	4.5	..
138	125	River & Merc	137	●	..	7.8b	5.7	..
239	186	River Plate	218	●	..	10.7	4.9	..
192	168	Robeco	178		..		..	..
171	150	Rolinco	160		..			..
257	228	Romney	238		..	6.9b	2.9	..
11½	10	Rorento	210½		..			..
113	95	St Andrews	108	●	..	4.0b	3.8	..
285	235	Scottish	285	●	+3	7.8	2.7	..
252	211	Scot American	252		+2	8.4	3.3	..
84½	73	Scot Eastern	84½		+½	2.8b	3.4	..
408	348	Scot Mtge	367		+2	10.7b	2.9	..
243	204	Scot Nat	236		..	6.4b	2.8	..
153	119	Scot Nthn	151		..	5.4	3.5	..
383	354½	Scot Merc 'A'	364		..	20.0	5.5	..
595	560	Second Alliance	554		−2	23.2	4.2	..
128	108	Sec Of Scotland	125		+1	5.7b	4.6	..
78	64	Smaller Cos	67		+1	2.4	3.6	..
38	32	Stewart Enterp	37	●	..	0.8	1.5	..
146	110	Stockholders	120			3.6	3.0	..

1985 High	Low	Company	Price		Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
100	78	Tr Australia	85		..	2.9	3.4	.
92	76	Tr City Of Lon Dfd	91		+1	5.6b	6.1	.
155	137	Tr Ind & Gen	144		..	5.0	3.5	.
255	205	Tr Natural Res	212		..	10.7	5.1	.
111	84	Tr North America	99		..	2.8	2.9	..
146½	112	Tr Pacific Basin	115		−1	1.4	1.2	..
147	129	Tr Property	143		+1	5.1	3.5	..
101	79	Tr Tech	83		..	2.5	3.0	.
139	124	Tr Trustees	135	●	..	5.4b	3.9	.
137	111	Temple Bar	129½	●		7.1b	5.5	.
250	211	Throgmorton	232		+1	10.7b	4.6	.
280	249	Throg Secured Cap	276		..			.
167	142	Trans Oceanic	160		..	4.9b	3.2	.
120	103	Tribune	114	●	..	3.3	2.9	.
82	74	Triplevest Inc	82			13.4	16.3	.
216	186	US Debenture	209	●	+1	9.3b	4.5	.
82	62½	Viking Resource	64		..	1.6	2.5	.
82	61	Westpool	80		..	2.0	2.5	.
110	86	Winterbottm Energy	87		..	1.0b	1.1	..
159	139	Witan	149		+1	3.9	2.6	..
284	253	Yeoman	275	●	..	13.8b	4.9	..

Financial Trusts

1985 High	Low	Company	Price		Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
410	290T	Akroyd & Smithers	305		+5	..	..	11.9
57½	29⁹⁄₁₆	American Express	£31¹¹⁄₁₆		−⅛	..	..	16.1
33½	19	Argyle	31½		..	..	..	
85	52	Boustead	59		..	●		
115	85	Britannia Arrow	105		+1	3.6	3.4	17.0
14⅞	8⁹⁄₁₆	Daily Mail	£12⅝			60.0	4.8	13.6
13⅝	8½	Do 'A'	£12⅝		+⅛	60.0	4.8	13.5
139	113	Electra	131			5.3	4.0	33.3
110	80	Eng Assoc	110	●	+3	4.3	3.9	14.3
246	176	Exco	190		..	4.5	2.3	15.9
85	68	Exploration	68		..	3.0	4.4	12.1
12½	10	First Charlotte	10½		..	0.1	0.7	
863	700	Framlington	730			14.3	2.0	17.4
96	69	Frost (J J) & D	92		+2	5.7	6.2	12.7
105	44	Goode (D & M)	95			1.8	1.9	16.8
860	575	Henderson Admin	780		+20	22.9	2.9	11.2
675	385	M & G	650		+10	19.3	3.0	25.9
368	217	Mercantile House	279	●	+2	18.8	6.7	7.5
405	300	Mills & Allen	350		..	22.9	6.5	11.9
113	76	Pacific Inv Tst	76		−1	.	..	.
41	21	Do Warrants	21		..			
147	93	Smith Brothers	140			8.6	6.1	15.3

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Gilt & Fixed	110.8	117.2●	−0.1	10.24
High Inc Equity	72.7	77.4	−0.1	6.40
Worldwide Bond	149.3	160.0●	+0.6	6.06
American Growth	131.8	140.2	−1.5	2.85
Asian Pacific	45.3	49.1	+0.9	2.55
Assets & Earns	77.8	83.2	+0.3	2.19
Capital Reserve	55.5	59.1	−0.2	..
Comm & Energy	70.3	75.5●	..	2.01
European Capital	51.9	55.2	+0.3	2.72
General	105.8	112.9	+0.9	3.76
Japan	148.2	157.2	+0.5	..
UK Growth Inc	73.8	78.4	+0.3	1.94
Do Accum	105.0	112.9		
US Emerging Co's	52.7	57.0	−0.4	0.46
Equity Progress	159.4	170.4	+0.5	3.66

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt Yield Inc	108.2	111.6●	..	10.23
Do Accum	162.8	167.9●	..	10.23
High Yield Inc	65.5	70.2	+0.3	6.81
Do Accum	125.2	133.2	+0.5	6.81
Japan Income	128.3	133.8	.	0.41
Do Accum	128.8	134.4	.	0.41
N American Inc	209.3	220.0	.	2.51
Do Accum	240.5	252.7	.	2.51
Pacific Income	81.9	86.3	.	0.89
Do Accum	91.8	96.5	.	0.99
Smllr Co's Inc	292.9	311.7	.	2.86
Do Accum	341.6	363.3	.	2.86

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth & Inc Fund	102.2	109.3●	+0.1	4.80
High Dist Fund	82.5	88.2	−0.1	6.81
International Fund	148.1	158.4	+0.6	1.42
Resources Fund	22.5	24.0	+0.2	1.89
Smllr Jap Co's Fnd	19.1	20.4	+0.5	0.10
Tokyo Fund	89.7	95.9●	+0.7	0.26
(Ex) Amer (2)	120.3	124.2	..	2.42
(Ex) Japan (3)	61.8	63.8	..	0.39
(Ex) Pacific (4)	186.9	193.0●	+8.7	2.00
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	114.3	118.0	+3.6	0.10

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DA
01-588 5620

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl Growth	59.1	63.2	..	1.51
American Growth	51.0	54.5	−0.3	0.32
American Inc	59.0	63.1●	+0.2	5.17
European Growth	117.1	125.2	+0.2	0.89
Gold & Minerals	46.4	49.6	+0.7	1.71
Japan Growth	84.3	90.1	+0.2	..
Pacific Income	59.2	63.3	+0.5	4.72
UK Special Opps	66.7	70.2●	+0.4	2.55

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Registrars Dept, Goring-By-Sea, Worthing, W Sussex
0444 459144

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Balanced	147.5	157.5	+0.9	3.73
Do Accum	255.6	273.3	+1.6	3.73
Energy Intl	48.3	51.6●	+0.2	3.09
Do Accum	52.6	56.2●	+0.2	3.09
Extra Income	119.2	127.4	..	6.35
Do Accum	209.1	220.4	..	6.35
Income	215.4	229.2	+0.3	5.15

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Japan	81.5	86.7	+1.5	0.46
Do Accum	83.1	88.3	+1.6	0.46
Recovery	143.2	152.3	+1.8	5.13
Do Accum	137.8	146.3	..	5.45
Exempt Dist	185.2	188.5●	..	3.41
Exempt Accum	277.4	285.9●	..	3.41

MIDLAND BANK GROUP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Courtwood Hse, Silver St, Head, Sheffield S1 3RD
0742 79842

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital Income	63.1	67.3	+0.5	2.99

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital Units	80.9	86.5	+0.3	2.55
Commodity	49.6	53.0●	+0.2	2.91
Energy Inds	51.6	55.1	+0.4	2.91
European Growth	60.9	65.1	−0.2	1.07
Exempt Inc Bnd	60.5	63.7●	..	8.34
Do Intl (45)	51.3	54.6	..	3.25
Exploration	36.7	38.2	+2.5	0.86
Financial Secs	71.6	76.5	−0.1	2.72
Gilt & FI Inc	52.9	55.7 c	−0.1	11.14
Do Growth	75.5	78.4 c	−0.1	3.27
High Return Units	136.3	145.7	+0.3	8.08

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Australian	29.0	30.9	+0.2	8.10
Commodity	84.9	91.2	+0.1	2.05
Energy	40.1	42.9	..	0.32
Equity	100.6	107.5	+0.9	3.20
European Spec Sits	59.4	63.3	+0.5	0.51
Extra Income	91.2	97.5●	+0.2	8.34
Financial	262.1	278.9●	−0.9	2.69
Gilt Income	99.3	104.0●	−0.2	8.73
Do Capital	220.8	231.3	−0.4	3.25
Gold Income	59.9	64.1	+1.9	1.83
Do Accum	108.2	115.7	+1.8	1.83

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Lasmo shares climb amid takeover talk

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

London & Scottish Marine Oil, better known as Lasmo, could be the next big company to attract a takeover bid.

The shares rose 10p to 268p yesterday with about 1 million changing hands. They have been fairly active in recent weeks with suggestions that some substantial shareholdings had changed hands as a stake building exercise got under way.

With the group's shares only 28p above their year's low point, any potential bidder may feel that the time is now ripe to strike.

British Petroleum, Britoil and Rio Tinto-Zinc are regarded in the City as the most likely predators.

At Lasmo the feeling is that of the three Britoil is the most likely to make a move. Last month the Government sold its remaining 49 per cent shareholding and now it is free from the shackles of Whitehall involvement, the management could be tempted to flex its takeover muscles.

Trade Promotion Services Group, which organizes trade fairs, jumped 10p to 95p yesterday as the company announced year's figures of £767,218, against the £650,000 forecast when it came to the USM a year ago at 75p a share. Profits could hit £1 million this year and acquistions are planned.

Even so, although the company is fully privatized, there are still doubts within the oil industry whether is has the killer instinct necessary for a big take over confrontation. However recent management changes could alter the group's hitherto low-key approach.

However, Lasmo held its yearly meeting to approve its various spending programmes yesterday and such an event has, in the past, often attacked stock market attention.

Oil shares generally have had a mixed time in recent days with the Saudi Arabian price moves and the unfouned rumours about Sheikh Yamani creating unease.

Prices were firmer yesterday with **BP** and **Britol** moving ahead. **RTZ**, which has nearly 30 per cent of Enterprise Oil and is keen to expand its oil interests, was unchanged at 589p.

Equities turned in a firm display yesterday with the FT 30-share index scoring a 7.4 points gain at 1,014.0 points. The more broadly based FT-SE share index rose 11.1 points to 1,313.3 points.

Prudential corporation, the insurance group, provided much of the impetus. In early trading stories circulated that the company's half-year figures would be bad. But at the stroke of midday, the man from the Pru proved the doubters wrong and the group announced profits of £46.4 million against £35.9 million. The shares jumped 25p to 497p, towing other life shares higher.

The strength of the dollar helped international stocks and there was some new time buying to generate activity among some of the speculative counters. Overall, it was a relatively quiet day but some dealers expressed surprise at the steadiness of the market.

BTR, Which on Wednesday delighted by not making a rights issue, rose 12p to 368p.

Government stocks suffered modest falls of up to £¼.

Although the flow of company results kept the market on its toes, takeover favourites continued to attract attention. **Allied-Lyons** and **Scottish & Newcastle Breweries** were actively traded but ended lower on the day. **Distillers Co. too, closed down after a busy day.**

Babcock International was unchanged at 136p after news of further investment by the engineering group in Australia. The company has paid £4.29 million for two Queensland companies in the water equipment business.

Reckitt & Coleman, the drugs and foods oroup, was boosted by market appreciation of this week's profit news. The City is looking forward to a much lower tax charge in the second half, aand sent the shares 18p higher to 531p.

Assoiated British Ports also continues to respond to recent trading news, and the share price gained 12p to 322p. **P & O Group** was favoured again, after its meeting with Hoare Govett this week. The appearance of buyers seems to have caught the jobbers short of stock, and the *price rose 13p to 412p* yesterday.

Ocean Transport and Trading jumped 10p to 183p, partly *in sympathy with P & O but* also because market men still expect more share buying action in OT & T.

Mansfield Brewery has stretched itself buying North Country Brewaries and now has debts of £51 million with a market capitalization of £52 million. Mansfield is optimistic about its longer-term prospects but it is too early to buy the shares, at 339p almost 100p below their 1985 peak, according to L Messel & co, the broker. It expects profits to be modestly higher this year at £8 million with £9.2 million next year.

United Biscuits claimed 11p to 191p, bucked by the interim statement which suggested improvement ahead in the US market. As expected, UB announced rationalizations in its US subsidiary, Keeblers.

Fleet Holdings, the bid target for United Newspapers, rose 1p to 363p as market men began to expect the battle to hot up. United has brought in Saatchi & Saatchi to handle the advertising campaign to encourage Fleet holders to sell.

Saatchi replaces First Financial which will concentrate on the public relations effort for the takeover. Saatchi shares are still rising, up 23p at 728p yesterday, on the back of the bullish circular issued this week *by Grieveson Grant, the broker*, on the advertising agency group.

On the electricals pitches prices were generally firm, with Plessey rising 4p to 148p as one broker reported on a visit to the company on Wednesday. Wood, Mackenzie is trimming its profit forecast for this year by £8 million down to £172 million, but shows more enthusiasm for prospects in 1986/7, when it suggests the pretax figure could be much closer to £200 million. Plessey made £164 million in the year to March.

Woolworth Holdings moved higher again, up 8p at 466p. City men say it is time to buy. Interim figures are due next week and one forecaster suggests a pretax total of £8 million, against £0.4 million in first half 1984. Again, B & Q, the do-it-yourself division, is expected to boost the stores group.

Davy Corporation stays firm, the shares ose 3p to 112p yesterday. Market men still like the shares, especially as the company is talking more and more about its chances of winning the contract to build a polymers plant in the Soviet Union. the work could be worth £500 million or more and a decision is expected before the end of the year.

Appleyard, the garage group, rose 6p to 71p on its 72 per cent profits again. The shares are among 60 stocks in which Smith Bros., the jobber, is to start dealing.

Cadbury Schweppes gained 5p on vague takeover talk.

In early trading **Bowater Industries** and **Reed International** had a speculative run on the theory that Hanson Trust had grown tired of its attempt to win control of SCM, the American group. But then the market had second thoughts. Hanson is still keen on SCM and Bowater and Reed shares promptly lost their appeal, both closing unchanged.

Rothman International and *Thorn EMI lost ground following* yearly shareholder meeting.

Banks remained depressed by overseas debt worries and the South African situation continued to reflect on **Barclays Bank** and **Standard Chartered Bank**.

Jaguar gave the City a high-powered set of interim fugures. The shares responded with an 11p gain at one stage, but by the close the price had settled for an 8p rise at 299p.

The same could not be said for **Bridon**, where half-year profits came out only 10 per cent up at £7.7 million. At the annual meeting last May analysts grew enthusiastic about prospects in the US and in the British wire rope business, and there were suggestions of a full year total for 1985 of £20 million.

That forecast now looks too high, and disappointment with Bridon was quickly reflected in the share price. The shares dropped 17p to 108p.

Traded option highlights

Jaguar led the way in the traded options market yesterday. Out of a market total of 7,668 contracts traded Jaguar chalked up 1,476 trades. Over 1,300 of those were calls, with business concentrating in the September series.

P & O, another share which moved sharply on the main market, also came in for action, a total of 980 contracts being traded.

Some 805 BAT options changed hands. There were few significant price changes on the lists, though calls in BTR showed gains of 10p and 12p in the September, December and March 300s and 325s. BTR puts were down by similar amounts.

RECENT ISSUES

RECENT ISSUES	Closing Price
ATA Selection 5p Ord (59a)	63
Aberdeen Steak Houses 5p Ord (67a)	83+1
Bradstock Group 5p Ord (170)	203
Britoil 10p Ord (185) £1 paid	131
C C A Galleries 10p Ord (80a)	87
Cannon Street Inv 20p Ord (a)	55+5
Conrad Hldgs 25p Ord (70)	72
Control Techniques 10p Ord (115)	123
Dean Park Htls 25p Ord (51a)	51
F K B Group 5p Ord (140a)	183
Goodhead Print 20p Ord (88a)	87
Israel (Jack L) 4p Ord (20a)	27+½
Lewmar 25p Ord (118a)	113+3
Lysander Petroleum 5p Ord (65a)	68
Michael J. Design 2.5 Ord (44a)	64+1
Moss Advertising 5p Ord (105a)	98
Nordic Inv Trust 10p Ord (50)	47½ – ½
Prestwick Holdings 5p Ord (100)	72
Sapphire Petroleum 50p Ord (150a)	91–2
Trilion 10p Ord (73a)	90+2
Yellowhammer 5p Ord (110a)	133–2
Rights issues	
Forshaws Burton (360) Fully Pd	415
Hanson Tst (185) Fily Pd	123

Issue price in parentheses. a Unlisted Securities, *by tender.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● **THOMAS WALKER**: A final of 0.7325p, making 0.9p (0.825p) is being paid for the year to June 30. With figures in £000, turnover was 2,414 (2,194). Pretax profit was 250 (179). Earnings per share were 1.93p (2.20p).

● **POWERLINE INTERNATIONAL**: An interim dividend of 0.8p (0.6p) is being paid for the six months to June 30. With figures in £000, turnover was 3,826 (3,032), while pretax profit was 850 (661). Earnings per share reached 4.1p 2.9p. Comparisons have been restated. The board says prospects continue to look encouraging and further acquisition opportunities are being explored.

● **DON BROTHERS, BUIST**: For the period May 28, 1984 to May 26, 1985, a total dividend of 6p (against 4.5p) is being paid. A one-for-one scrip issue is being made. With figures in £000, turnover rose to 51,577 (39,226), and pretax profit reached 4,559 (2,859). Earnings per share climbed to 41.9p (21.4p).

● **STEWART & WIGHT**: A dividend of 15p (13p) is being paid for the year to March 30. Turnover was £347,823 (£259,280). Profit before tax and depreciation, £73,017 (£50,836). Earnings per share reached 76.3p (64p).

● **HUNTLEIGH TECHNOLOGY**: An interim dividend of 0.5p is being aid for the half-year to June 30. With figures in £000, turnover was 4,111 (6,747). Profit, before tax, 504 (710). Earnings per share were 4.47p (6.60p, adjusted). Comparisons are for the full year 1984.

● ***LONDON SHOP PROPERTY*** **TRUST**: A tota diviend of 4.95p (4.4p, adjusted) is being paid for the year to April 30. With figures in £000, total revenue reached 11,366 (9,164). Pretax profit was 6,457 (5,664).

● **CITY AND COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT TRUST**: The interim distribution is 2.223p (1.895p) for the six months to July 31. Dividends and interest were £710,400 (£627,800). Gross income was £842,300 (£711,300) and net pretax revenue, £759,500 (£469,600).

● **DEBORAH'S SERVICES**: A final dividend of 3.674p making 4.88p (4.55p) is being paid for the year March 31. With figures in £000, turnover was 29,000 (32,500) and pretax profit, 1,033 (1,011).

● **MEZZANINE CAPITAL CORP**: A final dividend of $51.51, making $100.05 ($30.22) is being paid for the year to May 31. With figures in $000, total income reached 11,684 (about £8.97 million), against 4,390.

● **BRIDON**: For the half-year to June 30 an interim dividend of 1.5p (1.2p) is being paid. With figures in millions of pounds, turnover for the group was 109.5 (91.8), while the share of related companies was 64.7 (60.9). Pretax profit was 7.7 (7).

● **TELEFUSION**: For the year to April 27, a final dividend of 0.65p (1.13p), making 1.3p. (1.95p) is being paid. With figures in £000, turnover was 89,948 (99,287). Pretax profit fell to 423 (2,792). Comparisons have been restated.

● **J. W. SPEAR**: For the six months to June 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 3,234 (2,727). Pretax profits rose to 35 (5). Earnings per share were 0.5p (loss 0.5p).

● **ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTION SERVICES**: A dividend of 1p is being paid for the year to April 30. With figures in £000 turnover was 3,481 (2,875). Pretax profit was 146 (254). Earnings per share on a net basis, 2.02p (5.09p) and on a nil basis, 2.16p (5.09p).

● **JAMES FISHER**: An interim dividend of 1.6p (1.5p) is being paid for the half-year to June 30. Net turnover was £22,932, 785 (£16,713,183). Pretax profit was £3,326,050 (£2,080,594). The provision for diminution in value of shipping properties is £17 million (nil). The attributable loss is £13.34 million (profit, £1,993,186).

R. M. DOUGLAS (HOLDINGS): A total dividend of 1.75p (same) is being paid for the year to March 31. With figures in £000, turnover was 142,558 (128,388), while pretax profit was 1,1014 (455). Earnings per share, net basis, 9.7p (2.2p) and nil distribution basis, 10.7p (2.2p).

DPCE HOLDINGS: A final dividend of 2.2p (1.8p), making 3p (2.5p) is being paid for the year to June 30. With figures in £000, turnover was 13,507 (8,200), while pretax profit was 2,908 (1,912). Earnings per share reached 14.2p (11.5p).

● **APPLEYARD GROUP**: the interim dividend for six months to June 30 is 1.5p (nil). With figures in £000, sales to third parties (excluding car tax and VAT) amountable to 79,276 (72,658). Operating profit was 1,185 (804) and profit before tax 858 (500). Earnings per share were 8.4p (4.7p).

● **INTERNATIONAL THOMSOM ORGANISATION**: Jane's Publishing Company, through a subsidiary of International Thomson Inc (ITI) in the United States, *has acquired DMS Inc. Jane's and* ITI are subsidiaries of International Thomson Organisation. DMS, based in Greenwich, Connecticut, is a primary market research and publishing company providing specialized information services covering the defence and aerospace business to over 4,000 companies and 60 governments.

TEMPUS

Brokers cool as Burmah resurfaces

Paraphrasing Tolstoy, successful companies are boring because good figures offer little scope for attack and really meaty analysis, while bad figures open up realms of speculative possibilities. Burmah Oil, the oil sector's equivalent of hang-gliding, is now in that interesting position when by dint of its reclamation labours it is emerging from the failure zone, but has not as yet landed as a solid reliable group, with long-term quality of earnings growth.

Pretax profits are £10 million ahead at £37.2 million, and the interim dividend goes up by 1p to 4.5p. Within these figures, there are some notable firsts. Extraordinary debits, a hallmark of Burmah accounts in recent years, come in at £8 million, but in future this accounting entry may not be quite as regular.

The group has now withdrawn from its disastrous long-term tanker charters, and the extraordinary losses represent debits on the five remaining tankers.

Burmah has also made a start on the disposal of its Quinton Hazell subsidiary. Originally, the group was looking for about £40 million from QH, broadly asset value, either from part or whole disposal.

Phantom buyers materialized and then disappeared. Now Burmah has succeeded in attracting some reliable purchasers, and so far has sold about a fifth of the group, netting about £15 million, or about £7 million over book value.

So far this year, the surplus has not been taken through the accounts, but is presently held in suspense, to net off against other proceeds from other parts of Quiton Hall, Burmah hopes to have disposed of the whole division by next summer.

Losses at the Bahamas terminal are still a disappointing £2.5 million, despite a £5 million reduction from last year's figure, and Burmah describes its continuing involvement in the terminal as a considerable problem.

About £20 million of capital is employed in the project.

Last night, Burmah sounded willing to contemplate extreme decisions, like closing down the whole complex, to reach a solution.

Yet sadly, the brokers yesterday were contemplating treating Burmah shares as a sell. Chris Rowland at de Zoete & Bevan thinks institutions ought to think seriously about lightening holdings. The rationale behind his disposal argument hinges on the performace of Castrol, the jewel in Burmah's crown.

Profits here were flat at £30.3 million, a figure which Burmah admits is unexpecting, although it has been distorted by exchange rate fluctuations. The group refuses to quantify the scale of the impact of these translation effects on group profits.

But *for bears of Burmah* shares, this figure means that at best earnings growth in 1986 will reflect recovery factors. Assuming the group is capable of generating net income of about £60 million, without disasters, then this years's prejected figure of £52 million takes the group close to its optimum recovery level.

The bid premium in the rating, indicated by the Heron Corporation stake, is too volatile to justify holding the shares. Sell at over 300p, according to de Zoete & Bevan.

United Biscuits

Hostilities in the great cookie war are undiminished and there is no sign of peace breaking out. United Biscuits is still fighting two giants, Proctor & Gamble and Nabisco, for its share of the American biscuit market. United Biscuits claims to be winning, with 32 per cent of soft cookie sales.

The battle is however taking its toll on profits. The North American contribution fell by £3.2 million in the latest six months but that fall was offset elsewhere so group profits rose from £34.6 million to £36.3 million before tax.

The Chairman, Sir Hector Laing, declines to put a figure on the cost of funding the war, although it will probably have accounted for a good part of the recent £98 million rights issue proceeds by the time it ends. The potential benefits are equally difficult to quantify, although Sir Hector says the soft cookies should make a profit next year. Already there has been a sharp imporvement

For United Biscuits the whole exercise could prove disappointing. It has been me by tough competition from companies with deep purses and, less expected, a fall in the size of the market. Cookie sales are 4 per cent down so far this year.

As a result the company has been using only 60 per cent of its manufacturing capacity, so it plans to close a Philadelphia bakery, at a cost of under £20 million to be charged below the line. That shoud take capacity utilization to 80 per cent.

While other United States operation held their own, British profits rose smartly from £26 million to £31.5 million. Biscuits performed well and there was a good increase from the fast food side. Wimpy doubled its contribution.

Interest charges rose by £1 million to £12 million. The *second half should gain from* a full six months' benefit from the rights issue proceeds. Profits for the full year could exceed £100 million, making the p/e ratio 10 with the shares at 185p. Given that returns from the cookie war are still uncertain, the shares should be left alone.

Turner & Newall

Turner & Newall looked rather like s supplicant yesterday. It seemed to be pleading for a stronger share price, with a 35 per cent increase in the interim payout and news of an imminent resumption of dividends from Zimbabwe. The *market felt merciful and added* 4p to the shares, taking them to 88p, still well down on the year's high of 121p.

The company also had bad news. There was a larger number of asbestosis victims claiming compensation so the provision rose from £4.3 million to £6.2 million and profits rose up from £9.5 million to only £11 million before tax.

The company suggested that the increase in the number of claimants reflected a rush ahead of the Wellington accord between asbestos producer's and their insurers. In theory this aggreement, announced in June, should speed up settlements and so appeal to victims.

But they seem to have been more influenced by the company's statement that costs would be lower. This was meant to refer to legal costs rather than the size of cash payments but has clearly been misinterpreted. Claims have been running at a lower level in July and August but the long-heralded decline still seems a long way off.

The tax charge also looked unfortunate, with huge tax losses at home and the asbestosis payments allowable in the US, it should be low. But in the first half it jumped to 45 per cent. This, however reflected the timing of capital spending and the full-year rate should be below 40 per cent. That alone will give a boost to earnings.

Second-half prospects look better and profits could rise to £25 million or so. The only cloud is South Africa where profits are already down, even in rand terms, and recent currency depreciation against sterling could make for a nasty dent by the year-end. Even that doses not explain why the p/e ratio is only 6.

Gilts

After the money supply figures, the analysis. A remarkable lack of consensus among brokers' analysts has come after what, on the face of it, were an odd set of monetary data for banking August.

According to Malcolm Roberts at Laing & Cruickshank, policy remains hopelessly confused, and August can be written off as a mistake. The exchange rate remains the most important indicator of the monetary stance and at about 80 on the trade-weighted index, policy looks tight.

Real interest rates and the inflation rate support this view, yet other indicators, notably equities' performance and evidence of a surge in house prices, imply the contrary.

On this basis, the authorities' chief concern will be to restore credibility, especially since early indications for banking September are not good. One way of doing this may well be to release a large tap onto the market, but even so, base rates will be cut within a month, a move which will be clearly associated with the Conservative Party conference.

At Grieveson Grant, Richard Golding takes an entirely opposite view. The market is *reacting adversely to* poor money supply figures, he claims, and this should rule out a cut in short term rates in the near future.

Short rates will tend to stay high. The performance of gilts will reflect the authorities' selective approach to tapping. Index linked gilts now look cheap against equities.

At Wood Mackenzie, however, Steve Shute estimates that the gilts market looks remarkably composed after another disappointing set of money supply figures. Perhaps the market expects a weaker performance from the dollar, after flash estimates for third quarter growth is published on September 20.

DEBORAH
Services p.l.c.

The group provides a specialist scaffolding and insulation service primarily used in process plant maintenance programmes.

ANNUAL RESULTS

Points from the chairman's statement

- Profit before tax again exceeds £1 million despite a reduced turnover.
- Final dividend increased by 10% to 3.674p.
- Large scaffolding contract in Middle East fully operational.
- Order books remain firm and prospects good for 1986.

Twelve months ended 31 March	1985 £000	1984 £000
Turnover	29,000	32,500
Profit before taxation	1,033	1,011
Profit after taxation	750	823
Earnings per share	9.62p	8.24p
Dividends per share—net	4.88p	4.55p

The Company's shares are traded on The Over-the-Counter Market made by Granville & Co. Limited, 8 Lovat Lane, London EC3R 8DT. Details of this market together with copies of the full Report and Accounts are available from the Secretary, Deborah Services p.l.c., 10 South Parade, Wakefield, Yorkshire. Telephone: 0924-378222.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on 25th October 1985 at 27-28 Lovat Lane, London EC3R 8EB at 12.00 noon.

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Results in brief	1985 £	1984 £
Group Turnover	6,800,289	6,559,108
Profit before Tax	113,213	190,280
Dividends paid	54,000	54,000
Earnings per 5p share	1.79p	4.00p

- During the latter part of the year contract orders were in decline. In view of this we obtained low margin business which, although covering costs, left very little net profit.
- Dividend maintained, without drawing on reserves.

"We are seeking to improve our site at Spring Lane which will enable us to trade more effectively and I am determined our profits will be put back to the level to which shareholders have become accustomed."

F. Copson,
Chairman & Managing Director

ACTIVITIES:– Suppliers of heating equipment and plumbing and sanitaryware goods. Installers of warm air heating equipment.

Erdington – Birmingham

"Our enlarged group is well positioned for the future"

C M Mosselmans, Chairman

Six months' results (unaudited)	1985	1984	Full year 1984
Revenue	£286.2m	£227.5m	£492.6m
Profit before taxation and extraordinary items	£75.4m	£62.5m	£101.3m
Earnings for the period	£47.9m	£39.2m	£74.0m
Earnings per ordinary share	13.1p	10.9p	20.5p
Dividend per ordinary share	3.25p	3.0p	10.0p

The acquisition of the Fred. S. James Group was completed on 30 August 1985 and the results to 30 June 1985 include those of the Fred. S. James Group for the period on a merged basis. The comparative figures for 1984 have been restated on the same basis.

The restated results for the year 1984 are based upon an abridged version of the full group accounts which received an unqualified report by the group's auditors and which have been filed with the Registrar of Companies.

Sedgwick Group

A commanding presence in worldwide insurance and reinsurance broking

More factories empty in North

By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent

The great divide in the market for industrial floorspace between the North and South of Britain shows no sign of narrowing, according to the latest survey from King & Co, the firm of estate agents specializing in industrial property.

The firm's survey of the market for factories and warehouses in August shows that the total amount of space available rose slightly, to 135.37 million sq ft, the first increase since December 1983. And it was the North of England which experienced the brunt of the rise. In the period December 1983 to August 1985, the North-west saw an increase of 16 per cent in space on the market, and the North-east and Humberside saw space available rise by 10.1 per cent.

King & Co does not see any reversal of this trend. In the South-east along the motorway routes going west, south and around the M25 close to London, the market for space of good quality in the right locations is strong. But the West Midlands and areas further north, prospects for speculatively built factories and warehouses are not encouraging.

Mr Douglas King, the head of the firm, says that old and obsolete space in the North will never find takers and he argues that it should be demolished – if necessary with the help of government incentives.

King & Co has been surveying available industrial floorspace since 1975 and its findings show that 40 per cent of the stock of warehouses and 55 per cent of available factories were built before 1975. This stock no longer meets the demands of today's industries.

But in the South, land prices of over £1 million an acre are being paid for the development of high-technology space, a hybrid of production and office space where rents are halfway between office and industrial rents. King & Co estimates that more than a million sq ft of such space is in the pipeline around London with the result that there is shortage of more traditional industrial space.

Rents for such properties are edging up, a recent phenomenon, and developers are being tempted back into the market.

PRUDENTIAL CORPORATION

Interim Results 1985

Unaudited Results

	Half year ended 30 June		Year
	1985 estimated £m	1984 estimated £m	1984 actual £m
Profit before tax from:			
Long-term business	58.1	53.0	136.1*
General insurance business	(25.4)	(28.2)	(79.9)
Shareholders' other income	13.7	11.1	21.8
Total profit before tax	46.4	35.9	78.0
Tax	(15.2)	(18.2)	(31.9)
Minority interests	(0.7)	(0.4)	(0.9)
Profit attributable to shareholders	30.5	17.3	45.2
Earnings per share	10.2p	5.8p	15.1p
Dividend per share	9.0p	7.5p	22.5p

**Includes a largely non-recurrent amount of £24.0m arising from the conversion of terminal bonuses to reversionary form.*

Estimated profit before tax for the first half of 1985 rose by £10.5m to £46.4m. The after tax profit attributable to shareholders increased to £30.5m (£17.3m in 1984). There were higher profits from both long-term insurance business and shareholders' other income. In general insurance there was a welcome reduction in the losses in United Kingdom business and at Mercantile and General Reinsurance. It is too soon to assess the full impact of the steps we have taken to restore profitability in in these two areas but there are now signs, particularly at Mercantile and General, that they are beginning to have some effect. Overseas general insurance showed a sharp deterioration.

Dividend

The directors have declared an increased interim dividend of 9.0p per share (7.5p in 1984), which is in line with the policy of reducing the disparity between the interim and final dividends. The dividend will be paid on 14 November 1985 to shareholders on the Register at close of business on 17 October.

Long-Term Business

	Half year ended 30 June	
	1985 £m	1984 £m
Premium income	888.4	932.3
Shareholders' profits before tax	58.1	53.0

Total shareholders' profit before tax from long-term business rose by £5.1m to £58.1m. The increase arose principally in United Kingdom individual business, although Mercantile and General's profits were also higher and there was an increase overseas in terms of local currencies.

General Insurance Business

	Half year ended 30 June							
	Premiums written		Underwriting result		Investment income		Trading profit before tax (loss)	
	1985 £m	1984 £m	1985 £m	1984 £m	1985 £m	1984 £m	1985 £m	1984 £m
UK Division:	164.3	141.8	(23.6)	(28.2)	11.9	12.3	(11.7)	(15.9)
Overseas Division:								
Canada	49.5	52.3	(6.7)	2.1	3.8	4.0	(2.9)	6.1
EEC	27.4	29.0	(5.9)	(4.5)	4.4	4.1	(1.5)	(0.4)
Other Countries	9.6	9.9	(1.2)	(0.4)	1.0	0.7	(0.2)	0.3
London Market Overseas	15.4	18.0	(2.3)	(2.6)	1.8	1.8	(0.5)	(0.8)
Marine & Aviation	14.1	12.1	(1.3)	(0.3)	1.2	1.2	(0.1)	0.9
Total Overseas	116.0	121.3	(17.4)	(5.7)	12.2	11.8	(5.2)	6.1
Mercantile and General Reinsurance	124.4	141.6	(23.1)	(32.4)	14.6	14.0	(8.5)	(18.4)
Total	404.7	404.7	(64.1)	(66.3)	38.7	38.1	(25.4)	(28.2)

The total trading loss before tax was reduced by £2.8m to £25.4m.
The United Kingdom trading loss improved to £11.7m (1984 £15.9m). Although the frequency of motor claims increased, the trading loss was reduced to £1.5m (1984 £2.2m). The domestic property trading loss increased to £8.0m (1984 £5.5m) despite a lower level of weather claims. Commercial business premium income rose by 28%, due to a combination of higher premium rates and increased volume, and the trading loss was reduced considerably from £8.2m to £2.2m.
Overseas premium income increased by 5% in local currencies. The deterioration in the results arose mainly in Canada where both motor and property classes have been adversely affected by severe weather and increased claim costs.
At Mercantile and General Reinsurance the trading loss fell by £9.9m to £8.5m. Premium income was 2% lower after adjusting for the strength of sterling. Whilst some further strengthening of previous years' reserves has again been necessary, improvements have been seen in the fire and accident accounts.
The highly selective approach taken to underwriting over the last two years will again be adopted in the forthcoming renewal season.

Notes

1. *Results for the first half year are estimated.*
2. *The half year results should not be taken as a guide to the likely results for the year as a whole.*
3. *For the half year to 30 June 1985 overseas currencies have been translated mainly at the rates of exchange at that date. For the half year to 30 June 1984 and for the year 1984 overseas currencies have been translated mainly at the rates on 31 December 1984.*
4. *The long-term business profit for the half year ended 30 June 1984 has been restated gross of shareholders' taxation, in accordance with the basis of presentation adopted in the 1984 Accounts.*
5. *The general insurance business results for the half year ended 30 June 1984 have been adjusted to reflect the change in accounting policy made in the 1984 Accounts to discounting reserves for non-proportional accident reinsurance business.*

Prudential Corporation plc, 142 Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH

Copies of the Interim Statement are available from the Registrar at the above address.

INDUSTRY TODAY

Britannia Park failure highlights harsh realities of a fantasy world

By William Kay

The collapse of Britannia Park this week has cast a pall on the burgeoning British theme park industry. Just as the business was beginning to gain acceptance in the parlours of the bankers and venture capitalists, this sudden failure is a harsh reminder that high upfront costs and a demanding public are hardly the best recipe for making a fortune.

The shock is that the receivers have been sent through the gates of Britannia Park, in Derbyshire, less than three months after it opened. It had had the benefit of a grant from the local council and the management had concentrated on keeping the initial costs to a minimum.

Yet, with the comfortable advantage of hindsight, the public was admitted too soon: the £3 entrance fee was not justified by a range of half-built attractions which could be easily exhausted in an hour's visit. Add a wet summer and the outcome was inevitable.

This is one of the dilemmas of theme parks the world over. The financing problems are not unlike those facing the consortiums bidding to build a Channel tunnel and its variants. Considerable amounts have to be spent in assembling a product which the public will want to pay for.

But it is not economic to build the complete package on day one without incurring crippling interest charges or suffering an intolerably long payback period. At the heart of the Channel tunnel debate is the assumption that there is a reasonably predictable traffic flow. Amusement parks have no such assurance, simply because there is no guarantee that any given formula will catch the public's imagination.

Theme parks date back only 30 years, when Walt Disney gave Americans the chance to shake hands with Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck at Disneyland on a disused stretch of land on what was then the outskirts of Los Angeles, in California. It differed from the old-style funfair because it was laid out in "themed" areas such as Frontierland and the Enchanted Castle.

Standards were maintained by the central management, and the idea caught on of charging a single price for entry. After that, most of the rides (or attractions, as they are known in the trade) were free. That had the extra advantage of keeping the customers in for the day, buying food and drink.

Disney had the built-in goodwill attached to his cartoon characters, and the lure of novelty for several years. Also, it is a bad year when there are fewer than 250 days of sunshine in southern California.

No guarantee that a formula will catch public's imagination

None of that, especially the reliable sunshine, applied in Britain, and the conventional wisdom was that theme parks could not be made to pay in this country.

Then RMC, the cement group, found it had a worked-out quarry on its hands near Staines, Middlesex. It filled the hole with water and charged people to go boating and water-skiing. From there, it was a relatively inexpensive leap to put some amusements on the shore and Thorpe Park was born.

Meanwhile, near Uttoxeter race track, halfway between Stoke on Trent and Derby, John Broome was moving into the saddle at Alton Towers, the Earl of Shrewsbury's former country house in several hundred acres of grounds.

With the benefit of some shrewd financing he pulled in the public with big rides like the log flume, a 360-degree Buccaneer pirate ship and in pride of place a corkscrew roller-coaster. That set the cash flowing, paving the way for yet more rides. For the first time, the British theme park could be seen to add up as a business proposition.

That helped to inspire two would-be rivals to tour the City in search of cash. One was Mr Peter Kellard, a former builder, who had created the Tucktonia model village, near Bournemouth.

He struck a 125-year deal with Derbyshire County Council to develop Shipley Park, renamed Britannia Park, for an initial £18 million. But it was heavily geared. Mr Kellard was putting in £500,000, the council £1.5 million. The rest was to come from a mixture of borrowings and sponsorship.

Ambitious though that may have sounded, it paled into petty cash compared with WonderWorld, a breathtaking plan to turn the former Corby steelworks site into a pleasure factory costing £100 million to open and another £200 million to complete.

Group Five Holdings, WonderWorld's master company led by some experienced advertising and marketing men, got off to a bright start with backing from public companies like BET, Sir Terence Conran, Ove Arup, the architects, and Schroders merchant bank were called in to advise.

But the City's investment funds have been slow to come up with the principal finance, and after six years the building work has yet to begin in earnest. The opening date has had to be postponed several times, and is still some frustrating years away. The rapid failure of Britannia Park will not have helped.

Yet there are some success stories on a more modest scale. The Dutch-born Bembon Brothers bought the former Dreamland at Margate for £1.6 million and gave it the US treatment.

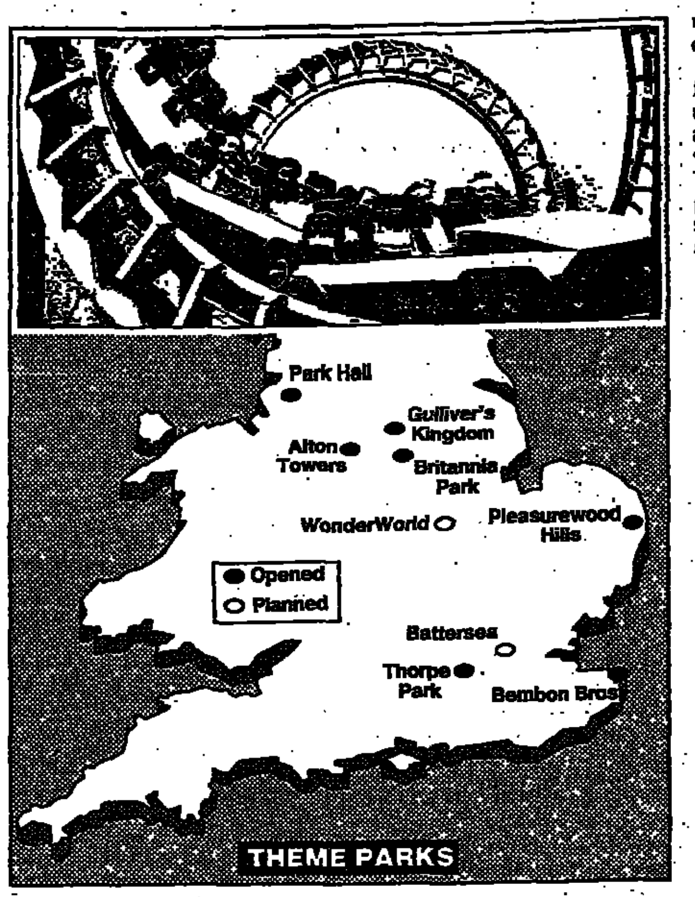
And in Lancashire, just off junction 27 of the M6, lies Park Hall. Once a showjumping ring with hotel attached, it was bought from Bass in 1982 by John Rigby, a trained joiner, who turned it into a small-scale theme park aimed at the under-14s.

It is vital to reach that critical take-off speed

The strategy effectively cut out unaccompanied teenagers and reduced the need for the expensive "white-knuckle" rides. Spending so far has been less than £1 million, yet profits for the year to June were more than £200,000 and £500,000 is in prospect for the present year.

Park Hall's shares are quoted by Harvard Securities on the over-the-counter market, but few come on offer. The group has a lake and surrounding woodlands in the Lake District, which is to be turned into a self-catering resort.

Cunningham District Council in Ayrshire, is giving Park Hall £500,000 to develop another site between Ayr and Largs on the coast, complete with a casino. It shows that in theme parks like anything else, success breeds success. But as Mr Kellard found out at Britannia Park, it is vital to reach that critical take-off speed.



DOUGLAS

Civil Engineering and Building Contractors

1985 RESULTS

Turnover — £142.558m (£128.388m)
Pre-tax profit — £1.014m (£0.455m)
Profit attributable — £1.399m (£0.410m)
Total dividend — 1.75p (1.75p)

- Profit for the year to 31st March 1985 is more than double the previous year. The figure is by no means satisfactory but it is pleasing that the setback in the first half has been overcome in the second half year.
- Tight margins continue to prevail in the Construction Division and although it achieved a higher turnover profits did not reach last year's level. *It is anticipated that the current year will be more successful.*
- Recovery in the Construction Equipment Division led by Australia, New Zealand and the Middle East has also taken place in the United Kingdom and in direct exports.
- The Materials Supply Division has produced excellent results and the Plant Hire Division, while still unprofitable has improved its performance.
- The Group has now produced significantly better profits in each of the last two years and, given reasonable trading conditions, there is every reason to hope the current year will show continued improvement.

The Report and Accounts will be available after 18 September 1985 from The Secretary, Robert M. Douglas Holdings PLC, 395 George Road, Erdington, Birmingham B23 7RZ.

APPOINTMENTS

Midland Bank: Mr D M Nigg, previously head of group audit, Midland Bank, has beenb seconded to Crocker National Bank, San Francisco as an executive vice-president and chief lending officer.

M S Instruments: Mr J M F Swinglehurst, a Sedgwick director, has been made chairman of Price Forbes, a company within the group.

Samuelson Group: Mr *Michael Samuelson*, previously managing director, has became deputy chairman and is succeeded by Mr **Jonathan Samuelson**. Mr **Stephen Goodman** has been made finance director.

Rowe & Pitman: Mr **D T A Boyle** becomes a partner.

P & O Cruises: Mr **Alan Langley** has been made deputy chairman in addition to his existing role as managing director. Mr **Hugh Scrimgeour** becomes assistant managing director. Mr **Nigel Lawford** becomes finance director.

C E Heath Group: Mr **D H Newton** has been appointed chairman of C E Heath & Co (Reinsurance Broking); Mr **R J H Dunn**, managing director of C D Heath & Co (LMX) has additionally been made chairman of that company. Mr **Anthony D Hender** has been made an associate director of C E Heath & Co (North America).

Abbey Homesteads (Developments): Mr **K J Stones** has been appointed a non-executive director.

Sedgwick Group: The following have been elected members of the board: Mr **J C Crane**, Mr **R R F Crofts**, Mr **J R Harvey** (non executive), Mr **F C Herringer** (non-executive), Mr **A F Irby**, Mr **J J Meenaghan**, Mr **R M Page**, Mr **S Riley** and Mr **W H Sheridan**.

Clayform Properties: Mr **David Coleman** has joined the board.

Bain Dawes: Mr **E G Thomas** has been made a director of the multinational division.

Transinternational Life Insurance Company: Mr **Laurence Warburton** has been made *managing director*.

BRS: Mr **John Farrant** has been made managing director with responsibility for BRS Engineering and Fleetcare. He is *succeeded as managing director* of BRS Southern by Mr **Colin Colvin**.

Coalite Group: Mr **D A Britton** has joined the board. He continues as managing director of the Falkland Islands Company.

Hayters: Mr **John E Snell** has been made managing director.

P&O Group: Mr **P L Warner** and Mr **F W Lampl** have joined the board. Mr Lampl also becomes chairman of Bovis *Construction*.

LOUIS NEWMARK PLC

Consolidated Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 30th March, 1985

		1985 £'000	1984 £'000
TURNOVER		37,032	33,396
Cost of Sales		21,235	19,185
Group Profit		15,797	14,211
Net operating expenses		14,066	13,030
Operating profit		1,741	1,181
Investment income		135	202
		1,876	1,383
Interest payable and similar charges		636	612
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		1,240	771
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities		603	107
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		637	664
Reduction in provision for deferred taxation		—	552
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		637	1,216
DIVIDENDS			
Preference		30	30
		607	1,186
Ordinary: Interim	133		
Final	252	385	355
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		222	831

The Directors are of the opinion that the Profit before Taxation for the year to the 29th March 1986 should show a 10% improvement. In view of this the Directors are recommending to Shareholders a final dividend of 8.5p per share compared to 7.5p per share last year which together with the interim dividend of 4.5p per share gives a total for the year of 13.0p per share compared with 12.0p last year.

Copies of the Company's Full Report can be obtained from the Secretary, 80 Gloucester Road, Croydon, CR9 2LD.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	11½%
Adam & Company	11½%
Barclays	11½%
BCCI	11½%
Citibank Savings	†12¼%
Consolidated Crds	11½%
Continental Trust	11½%
Co-operative Bank	11½%
C. Hoare & Co	11½%
Lloyds Bank	11½%
Midland Bank	11½%
Nat Westminster	11½%
TSB	11½%
Williams & Glyn's	11½%
Citibank NA	11½%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

THE "SHELL" TRANSPORT AND TRADING COMPANY, P.L.C.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a balance of the Register will be struck on Thursday, 3rd October, 1985 for the preparation of warrants for an Interim Dividend for the year 1985 of 12.5p per 25p Ordinary Share payable on 7th November, 1985.

For transferees to receive this dividend, their transfers must be lodged with the Company's Registrar, Lloyds Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, West Sussex, BN12 6DA, not later than 3.00 p.m. on 3rd October, 1985.

SHARE WARRANTS TO BEARER

The Coupon to be presented for the above dividend will be No. 173 which must be left at Lloyds Bank Plc, *Registrar's Department, Issue Section,* 111, Old Broad Street, London EC2N 1AU, at least five clear days for examination, or may be surrendered through MM. Lazard Frères, Paris.

By Order of the Board
D. W. Chesterman
Company Secretary

Shell Centre,
London, SE1 7NA.
12th September, 1985

ROYAL DUTCH PETROLEUM COMPANY

(N. V. Koninklijke Nederlandsche Petroleum Maatschappij)
Established at The Hague, The Netherlands

INTERIM DIVIDEND 1985

The Supervisory Board and the Board of Management of the Company have declared on account of the year 1985 an interim dividend amounting to Netherlands Guilders 4.50 per share on its outstanding shares of 10 guilders par value.

In the case of holders of bearer certificates with coupons this interim dividend will be payable against surrender of coupon No. 178 on or after 24th September 1985, at the offices of **N. M. Rothschild & Sons Limited, New Court, St. Swithin's Lane, London EC4P 4DU** on business days between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Payment will be made in sterling at the buying rate of exchange current in Amsterdam at 2 p.m. on 17th September 1985 in the case of coupons presented on or before that date, or on the day of presentation in the case of coupons presented subsequently. Coupons must be accompanied by a presentation form, copies of which can be obtained from N. M. Rothschild & Sons Limited, and the face of each coupon must bear the stamp or other indication showing the name of the presenter.

Coupons must be left for an appropriate period for examination.

Shareholders may request payment of the dividend in a different currency. Information in this respect will be supplied by the paying agent upon request.

Netherlands dividend tax at the reduced rate of 15 per cent will be deducted from the gross dividend where:

(a) United Kingdom income tax has also been deducted;

(b) Coupons are presented on behalf of residents of the United States of America, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands Antilles, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, Spain, Sweden or West Germany, provided they lodge the appropriate declaration form.

Netherlands dividend tax at the reduced rate of 20 per cent will be deducted from the gross dividend where coupons are presented on behalf of residents of Indonesia or Surinam, provided they lodge the appropriate declaration form.

In all other cases Netherlands dividend tax of 25 per cent is to be deducted.

In the case of shares whose dividend sheets were, at the close of business on 13th September 1985, in custody of a Depositary admitted by Centrum voor Fondsenadministratie B.V., Amsterdam, this interim dividend will be paid to such Depositary on 24th September 1985. Such payment will be made through the medium of N. M. Rothschild & Sons Limited, after receipt by them of a duly completed CF Dividend Claim Form.

Where appropriate, the usual affidavit certifying non-residence in the United Kingdom will also be required if payment is to be made without deduction of United Kingdom income tax.

Where under the double tax agreement between the United Kingdom and the Netherlands, 15 per cent Netherlands dividend tax has been withheld, the 15 per cent Netherlands tax is allowable for a resident of the United Kingdom as a credit against the United Kingdom income tax payable in respect of the dividend. The deduction of United Kingdom income tax at the reduced rate of 15 per cent instead of at the Basic Rate of 30 per cent represents a provisional allowance of credit at the rate of 15 per cent.

13th September 1985

ROYAL DUTCH PETROLEUM COMPANY

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ANSWER: MAGIC

Banro buys motorcycle spares firm

By Cliff Feltham

Banro, the sunroof and car components manufacturer, has wasted little time taking to the expansion trail after seeing off an unwanted £6.2 million takeover bid from CH Industrials.

Banro is paying £1 million now, and up to another £1.9 million later, depending on profits, for the Lincoln Lintek motorcycle accessories and spares business.

The acquisition of Lintek, which earned profits of £287,000 before tax for last year, will boost Banro's links with the motor trade.

As a by-product the deal will also dilute the stake in Banro still held by CH Industrials from 29 per cent to just over 25

Banro yesterday reported profits before tax for the first half of £562,000 – against £374,000 – and the chairman, Mr Edward Rose, says the group, even without the contribution from Lintek, will substantially beat the £909,000 made in 1984.

He remains cautious on the likely intention of CH Industrials, which cannot launch another bid until next May. *Even som there is no indication* that the predator is willing to unload its shares – 138p in the market against the final offer of 110.8p – and a fresh bid is a firm possibility.

Meanwhile, the business of supplying sun roofs to the United States and Canadian market – created out of nothing *four years* ago by Mr Rose – is growing by leaps and bounds.

Murdoch renews bid for sole control of Fox

New York (AP-Dow Jones) – Mr Rupert Murdoch, owner of *The Times*, is negotiating to become the sole owner of *Twentieth Century* Fox Film Corporation by buying out the Denver oilman, Mr Marvin Davis.

A contract of sale is being drawn up, sources familiar with the negotiations say, but an executive familiar with Mr Davis's affairs said odds that a final agreement would be reached were 50-50 or less.

Mr Murdoch acquired a half-interest in the Hollywood studio in March for $250 million (£191 million) and the price for Mr Davis's half is *believed to be* between $300 million and $350 million. In addition, Mr Davis would retain some of Fox's extensive real estate interests.

Although Mr Murdoch has been eager to buy the entire studio from the start, Mr Davis has wavered in his desire to sell. He has made Los Angeles his second home and has become a fixture in the Hollywood social scene. His family also is known *to have reservations about the* sale of his Fox stake. His son, Mr John Davis, is a production executive at the studio.

Mr Davis almost sold his half to Mr Murdoch in June. A catalyst in the latest negotiations has been Mr Barry Diller, whom Mr Davis recruited from Paramount Pictures last year to become Fox's chairman and chief executive.

Mr Diller's role at Fox became a sticking point between its two after Mr. Murdoch's agreement in May to acquire six *television stations from* Metromedia for £1.55 billion.

Although Mr Diller was hired by Mr Davis at an annual salary of *$3 million* plus substantial bonuses if he revived the ailing studio, Mr Diller's loyalties *appear to* have turned to Mr Murdoch. Both men are experienced media and entertainment *executives* who are eager to become actively involved in running the Metromedia *stations*.

Mr Diller also is known to have been frustrated by Mr Davis's reluctance to invest more in Fox.

If Mr Davis does sell Fox, his decision *would come* just as the studio has returned to profitability. Fox insiders say it should *report at least* a small profit for the fourth quarter ended August 30. In the nine montsh ended May 25, Fox had a loss of $80.1 million to $468.1 million *from a* year earlier.

Sedgwick profits disappoint

By Richard Thomson

Sedgwick Group, Britain's largest insurance borker, disappointed the City yesterday with interim pretax profits well below *expectations. Pretax* profits to June 30, were up slightly from £52.9 million to £53.3 million, excluging the results of Fred S James, the US insurance broker.

Including the performance of Fred S James, *which* merged with Sedgwich on August 30, the total pretax profit imporved by 20.64 per cent to £75.4 million.

The stock market reaction sent Sedgwich shares tumbling 23p to 370p.

Mr Carel Mosselmans, Sedgwick's *chairman, said that* revenue growth on worldwide insurance and brokerage business had been satisfactory. The combined figures showed an increase in revenue of £58.7 million. But the revenue increase, excluding Fred S James, was £22 million.

Mr Mosselmans said that general increases in insurance rates were not yet refelected fully in the company's results, and that *various factors* has limited Sedgwick's growth. These included raising loss *reserves* for River Thames Insurance, the group's underwriting arm, by £4.6 million.

Hedging against currency fluctuations has also led to a reduced currency gain of about £2 million.

The inclusion of Fred S. James in the group meant that reported profits from North America jumped from £12.7 million to £25 million.

Eagle Star

Interim Report

Premium income, excluding life, increased by 16% in sterling terms, reflecting a *significantly* greater increase in original currencies. Estimated and unaudited results for the six months ended 30th June 1985 are shown below. Results for the half year cannot be taken as providing a reliable indication of those for the full year.

	Estimated six months to 30th June		*Actual Year*
	1985 £m	*1984* £m	*1984* £m
Premium income (excluding life)	378.7	327.1	664.6
Underwriting loss	(79.7)	(54.8)	(126.4)
Shareholder's life profits	11.1(1)	10.2(1)	22.2
Investment return	117.7(2)	124.9(2)	257.3(2)
Surplus before taxation	49.1	80.3	153.1
Taxation	(13.2)	(18.1)	(33.8)
Minority interests	(2.4)	(4.4)	(7.4)
	33.5	57.8	111.9
Extraordinary items	–	–	(3.6)
Transfer (to)/from capital reserves	2.5	(24.6)	(49.1)
	36.0	33.2	59.2

(1) Half previous year's declaration.

(2) The amount shown as investment return is made up as follows:–

	1985	*1984*	*1984*
Investment income	59.2	63.8	127.6
Investment expenses	(2.3)	(1.8)	(3.3)
Profits of Grovewood Securities	12.2	10.5	28.2
Investment gains	48.6	52.4	104.8
	117.7	124.9	257.3

The results of overseas subsidiaries have been translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling on 23rd August 1985 (*the latest convenient date*). Comparative figures have been translated at rates ruling on 31st December 1984.

INVESTMENTS. Investment income for the first half of 1985 is £59.2m, as compared with £63.8m in the corresponding period of 1984. This apparent decrease is due to currency movements in 1985, and special items of a non-recurring nature which arose in the 1984 results. If the figures are adjusted to take account of these factors, the underlying investment income shows an increase of 9.5%.

GROVEWOOD SECURITIES. Profits are estimated at £12.2m (£10.5m). The half year profit reflects much reduced interest charges as a result of the disposal of the health resorts, and the transfer of Gresham Investment Trust from Grovewood to Eagle Star Insurance. A contribution from Marshall's Universal, which became an associate in June 1984, is included in the half year results.

UNDERWRITING. The following analysis of the result by territories includes an estimate of the attributable investment return which arises from insurance funds:–

	Six months to 30th June					Full Year
	Premium income £m	*Under-writing result* £m	*Attributable Investment return* £m	*1985 Total* £m	*1984 Total* £m	*1984 Total* £m
United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland(1)	291.0	(65.8)	39.1	(26.7)	(13.8)	(30.1)
Australia	17.7	(1.2)	2.6	1.4	3.9	4.9
Belgium	15.4	(3.8)	2.6	(1.2)	(0.2)	(1.7)
South Africa	23.0	–	2.0	2.0	3.7	6.1
USA	18.4	(6.6)	1.0	(5.6)	(3.6)	(10.6)
Other territories	13.2	(2.3)	1.6	(0.7)	(0.8)	(4.5)
	378.7	(79.7)	48.9	(30.8)	(10.8)	(35.9)

(1) Including reinsurance and worldwide marine and aviation.

The calculation of attributable investment return has been adjusted to include fixed rate returns, and the 1984 figures previously reported have been restated.

UNITED KINGDOM. New business has been running at record levels and the total *amount underwritten* is £52.1m, an increase of 47%. Total premium income increased by 26% to £223m. The property account is showing an improving trend, after a poor start due to extreme weather conditions at *the beginning* of the year. The motor account shows a continuing increase in claims frequency. The number of liability claims notified also increased, reflecting the increased exposure from new *business acquired in* the last eighteen months.

EIRE. *Premium income has risen by 37% to £13.0m (an* increase of 45% before currency translation). New business increased by 160%. The underwriting loss for the first half of *1985 was £1.0m, as compared with £1.1m for the first six* months of 1984.

INTERNATIONAL. Results for reinsurance and home foreign business have been adversely affected by the number *of new notifications* of asbestosis claims, *relating to* contracts written mainly before 1965.

The marine and aviation account shows a steady growth in premium income. Business written in the United States and France continues to produce unsatisfactory results, but elsewhere there is an overall stability.

OVERSEAS. Movements in exchange rates have masked the *real growth* in premium *income over* the first half year of 1984; after adjustment for exchange the true growth rate was 19%. The effect of exchange on the underwriting result was however minimal. Australian Eagle's results have suffered from the natural catastrophes which occurred at the beginning of the year. The major problem in Belgium is the difficulty of generating profitable premium income in the prevailing economic conditions. South African Eagle achieved satisfactory premium growth against a background of economic recession and political unrest. In the United States improved rating levels have resulted in rapid premium growth but a strengthening of prior year claims *provisions* has been the main cause of a deterioration in the underwriting result.

LIFE. For the first six months new worldwide annual premiums totalled £29.0m (£25.6m) of which £11.8m (£16.6m) arose *in the* U.K. *Worldwide* new single premium business was £67.2m (£77.7m) of which £46.9m (£61.1m) arose in the U.K. The decline in single premium business was mainly due to *the* reduction in *U.K.* immediate annuity and bond business which market conditions have made less profitable. Since the end of June, however, market conditions have improved *and a* substantial volume of business is now being written. The decline in U.K. annual premium business reflects, in part, the discontinuance of our building society *contracts following* the abolition of tax relief on life assurance premiums. New pensions business was well ahead, partially fuelled by pre-Budget speculation on changes in *pension* scheme taxation. In the period total new pension premiums were up by 35%. Abroad there has been good growth in both single and annual *premium* business from *most countries* with exceptional buoyancy from Australia.

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	1985 **£m**	1984 £m
Sales (including VAT)	**634.10**	557.57
Trading Profit	**35.09**	28.02
Interest	**2.14**	1.99
Pensions Fund Contribution	**5.53**	4.19
Preference Dividends	**0.14**	0.16
Surplus available for profit sharing and, subject to taxation, for retentions	**27.28**	21.68

Sales for the half year rose by £77m (14%) to £634m. Department store sales increased by £36m (13%) and sales in Waitrose supermarkets by £39m (14%).

Trading Profit went up to £35m, an increase of £7m (25%) compared with last year. Both divisions contributed to this increase.

Profit Sharing. The profit available for retentions and profit sharing (subject to taxation) increased by £5.6m (26%) to £27.3m. Allocation between retentions and profit sharing is determined when the results for the full year are known.

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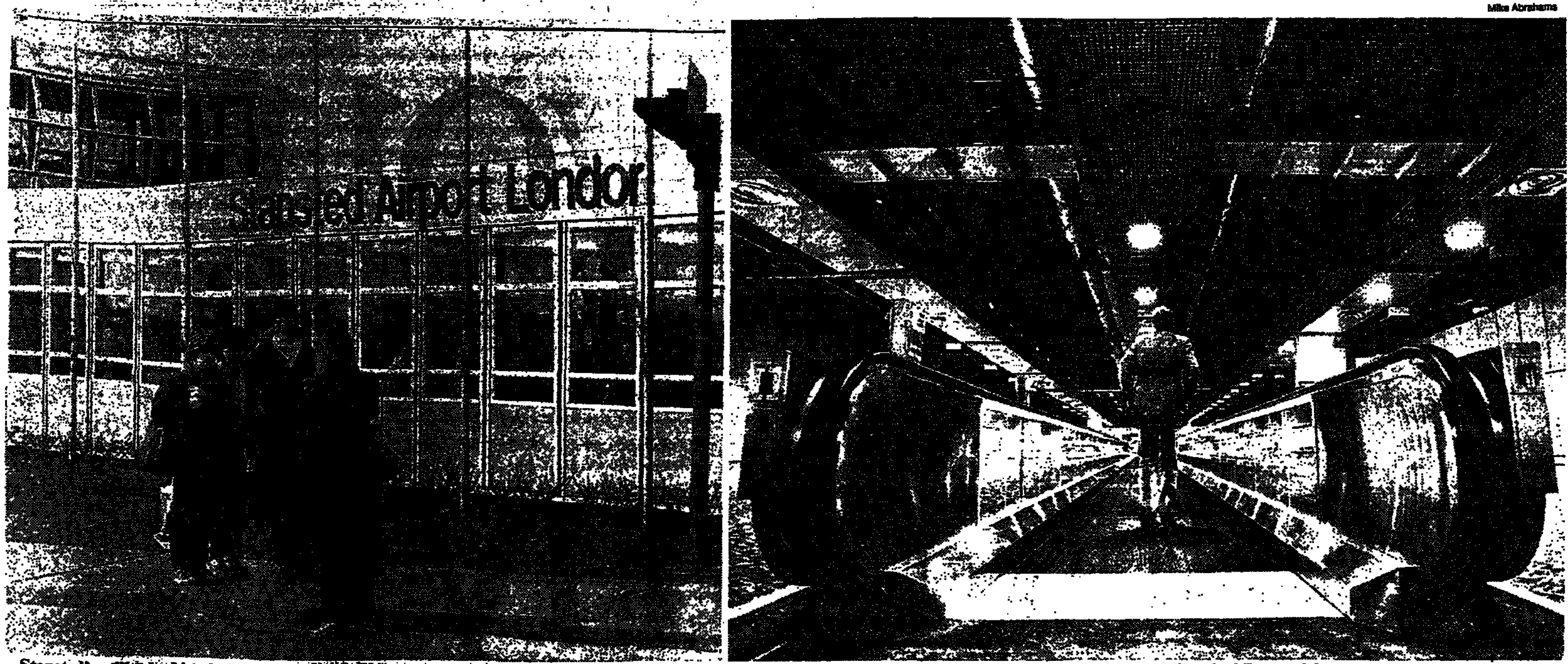

Mike Abrahams

Stansted's utility-looking buildings will disappear when the Essex site becomes London's third airport – with passenger facilities that will rival Heathrow's new Terminal Four and features like this wide walkway

Heathrow still the world honeypot

Two important Government decisions within the past 12 months have established a firm development course for Britain's airports, and the UK-registered airlines which use them, up to the end of the century and beyond.

Government largely accepted the recommendations of the Eyre inquiry that Stansted, in Essex, rather than Heathrow should provide the basis for future expansion of capacity to serve the London and the south-east. But government was less enthusiastic about the findings of CAP 500, the Civil Aviation Authority's (CAA) inquiry into the future shape of the British airline industry, declining to trim the activities of British Airways to the extent recommended.

Since then, BA's policy has been to develop services out of provincial centres, Manchester particularly, with new routes to New York and Hong Kong. The state airline is offering grants to independent airlines seeking to set up on a limited number of routes.

One subsidiary, but important decision during the period under review has been that by the Government to sanction the development of a short take-off and landing airport (known as Stolport) in the disused London dockland only six miles from the centre of the City. John Mowlem, the civil engineering company, is obtaining detailed planning permission and the new facility should be open for services by the end of 1987.

Air freight is increasing now at a great rate

This series of actions have, literally, cleared the air for those who run Britain's airports, whether they be the British Airports Authority, the CAA, local authorities, or private owners. They can now make sensible investment and development plans for the future.

A lot of new concrete needs to be laid, because air passenger and air freight traffic into and out of airports in Britain continues to increase at unprecedented rates. The BAA reported recently that the seven airports it runs – Heathrow, Gatwick, and Stansted in the London area, and four in Scotland – had their busiest month ever in July, handling together 5.7 million passengers, which was 5 per cent up on the same month last year.

Within those figures Heathrow had 3.2 million passengers, or an average of 100,000 each day, exceeding the 3 million figure in a month for the first time. It proves once again the irresistible "honeypot" attraction to airlines and their passengers and freight-shippers of this major international aviation interchange.

This is the attraction which the provincial airports, and particularly those within the North of England Regional Consortium, have to fight if they are to see their airports develop so that they provide a "balance" to those in the south-east and inject regular profits into the rates of the local communities.

BA's expansion out of Manchester is significant in this respect, for although package holidaymakers like to travel from their "local" airport if possible, the businessman is prepared to fly to London and then to transfer if he believes there is a wider range of services on offer.

According to the CAA, in a 100-seat airliner flying from London on an international service, 68 of the seats will be occupied by passengers with journeys starting in the south-east; 10 by international transfer passengers; five to six by passenge from Wales and the south-west; thre by passengers from Northern Irelan and Scotland; three by passenge from East Anglia; two to three b passengers from each of the Eas Midlands, the north-west, and the West Midlands; and two by passengers from Yorkshire and Humberside.

Few British airlines can afford to fly from provinces

These figures were used in support of the pro-Stansted case as proof that development was needed in the south-east, rather than in the north. But they were disputed by the northern consortium. Its argument was that those surveyed had been asked where their journey began on the day of the survey, and that many of them who replied "London", hailed from the provinces, but had been forced to spend the night in the south-east to make certain of their connection.

This argument is important, for here are few large British airlines part from BA which are making nough profits now to enable them to ount new services from provincial ntres – unless they are certain there a good, long-term market that will ancel the inevitable early losses.

Arthur Reed

The battle to win customers

Provincial airports can help t attract airlines and passengers by enhancing facilities and the recent Government decision to allow duty-free shops at some o the smaller airports around Britain will help Despite all the expensive drawbacks of starting new civil aviation ventures fresh companies continue t spring up in the freer licensing environment being established by the Civil Aviation Authority

So Britain is now served despite its fast surface links by motorway and rail, by a network of secondary air services, mostly flown by 30-seat commute airliners, which is more comprehensive than at any time in the past. Several of these are banded together in the British Caledonian commuter system with interlinked timetables and reservations.

Competition between the various airports in Britain fo the traffic on offer is fiercer than it has ever been before, with the provinces scaling their landing and parking fees to attract services away from the south-eastern airports of the British Airports Authority.

This competition has spread to the air traffic control secto and the CAA is now having t fight for contracts which it has held for many years in the control towers of local airports against proposals by privat companies such as Internationa Aeradio, and Airwork. The CAA has lost a few of thes battles but succeeded recently i retaining Cardiff and Manchester.

The competition is likely t become more intense in th future as the BAA move towards privatization. It is called on by the Government t run its airports in Scotland mor commercially and ratepayers look for better returns from the airports that are owned and operated by local authorities.

As was hoped for by the BAA, its seven airports are to b privatized as a single entity under a holding company although seven separate holding companies are to be established to ensure, as the White Pape on airports policy puts it "financial transparency".

The proposal has been welcomed by Sir Norman Payne, chairman of the BAA.

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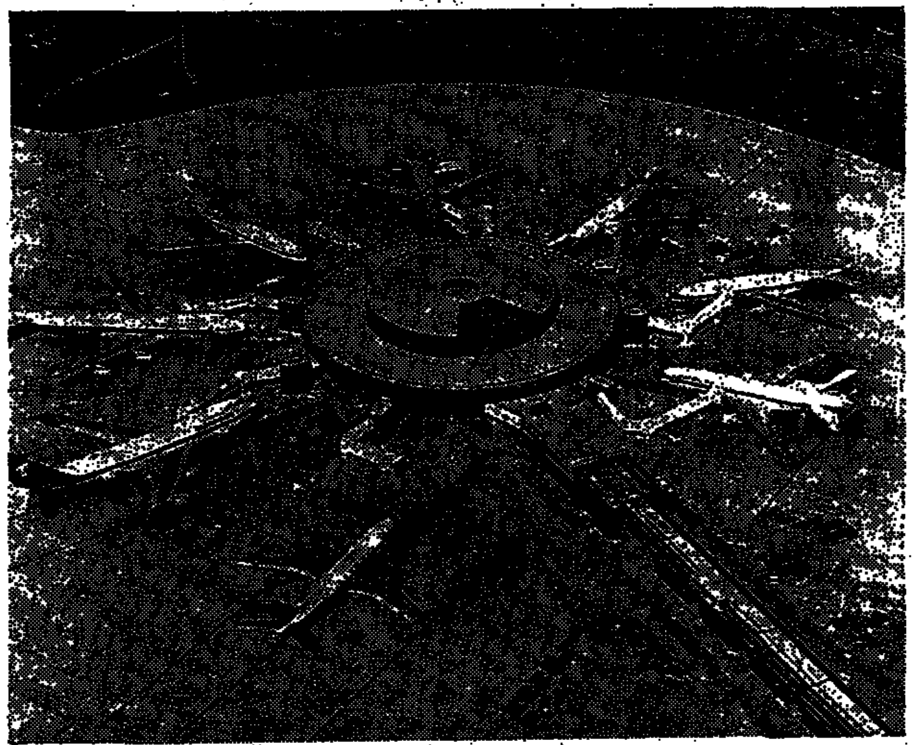

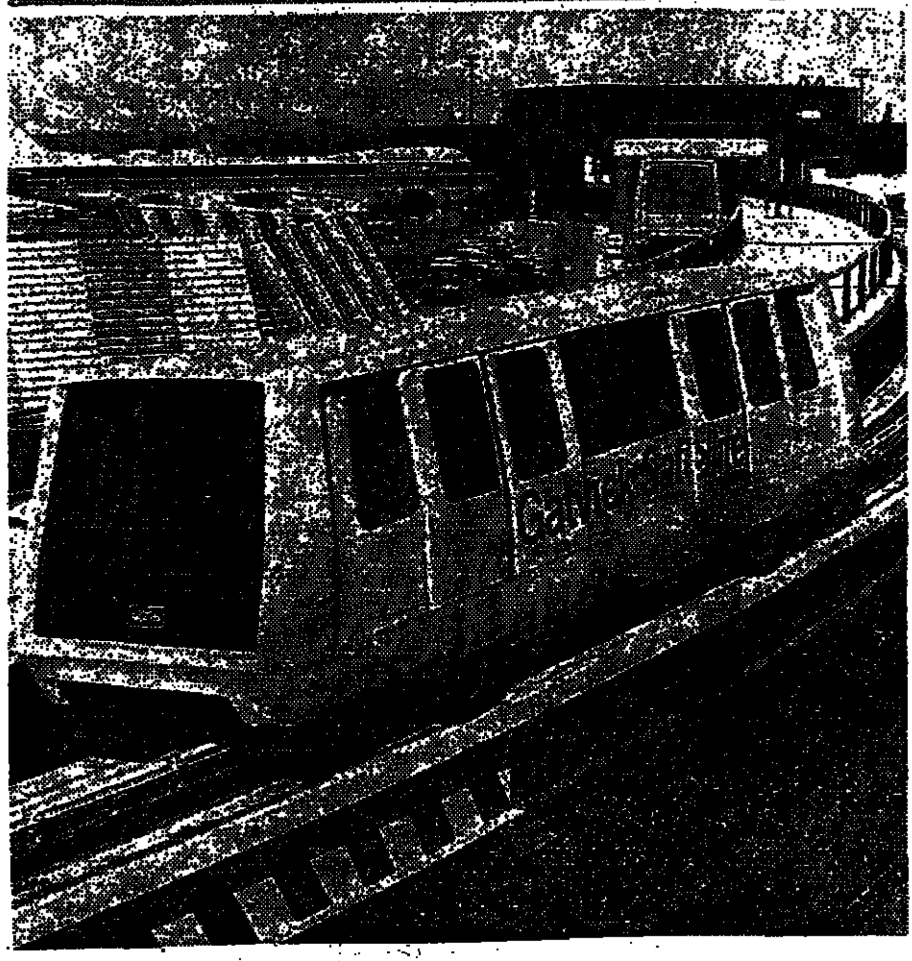

How Gatwick entered space age

Gatwick Airport's rubber-tyred train, which runs on a concrete beam to shuttle travellers to and from the main terminal building to the circular satellite terminal, has put the Sussex airport into the space age. *The £24-million satellite building boosted its capacity to 16 million passengers a year – all of whom can move around in comfort. The 300-yard driverless train – which automatically announces the gate it is approaching – is regarded as the most sophisticated passenger-handling system outside the United States. The airport's second terminal is under construction at a cost of £200 million and that will increase the passenger throughput of London's second airport to 25 million a year when it opens in 1987.

£700 million for London's terminals

The British Airports Authority has plans to invest, or is investing, £700 million in three huge new terminals at the main London airports, Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted. The Stansted terminal is to cost about £300 million and will handle eight million passengers a year when it opens in 1990. Its design is well under way.

Gatwick's north terminal is costing the BAA £200 million and it will handle 9 million passengers a year when it enters service early in 1987. The shell of the building is already up and work is well advanced on the track for driverless trains to connect it with the main terminal and main-line rail station.

Terminal four on the south side of Heathrow, costing £200 million and with a capacity of eight million passengers a year, was handed over by the contractors last month. It is now being fitted out by its main airline user, British Airways, against commissioning next spring.

BA is spending a further £14 million furnishing the terminal with everything from signboards to computers.

The airline is to move all of its long-haul services, including Concorde, to terminal four from the overcrowded and outmoded terminal three in the central area, plus its busy short-haul services to Paris and Amsterdam from terminal one. It will be joined in terminal four by KLM, NLM City Hopper and Air Malta. Shortly after BA moves out of terminal three, the terminal is to be refurbished by the BAA in a programme that will cost a further £70 million.

Flight at the end of the tunnel

Terminal four has been conceived on a huge scale, with its main departure concourse a half mile long – moving walkways will help passengers move from one end to the other. There will be 70 check-in desks, 17 aircraft stands, several of them big enough to cope with the next generation of wide-bodied jets holding 800 passengers, and baggage reclaim carousels – all on 175 acres.

BA has ordered a fleet of specially designed coaches with which it will link terminal four with the terminals in the central area of Heathrow through a cargo tunnel. The terminal has an underground station built into its basement as part of the Piccadilly line which already connects other parts of the airport with London.

But despite its size, walking distances for passengers in terminal four are short compared with those in many other large airport terminals around the world; the designers were careful to keep slopes at a minimum.

While waiting for flights passengers will not be herded into separate gate rooms, but will be free to wander the concourse, and to use its facilities. These include a bistro-type restaurant and duty-free shops.

And for CIPs (commercially important passengers) BA is fitting out a number of lounges in a building beside the concourse. Lounges will include those for first-class and Concorde passengers, *Executive Club* members, and members of the BA Young Flyers' Club – children who fly without their parents in the airline's care.

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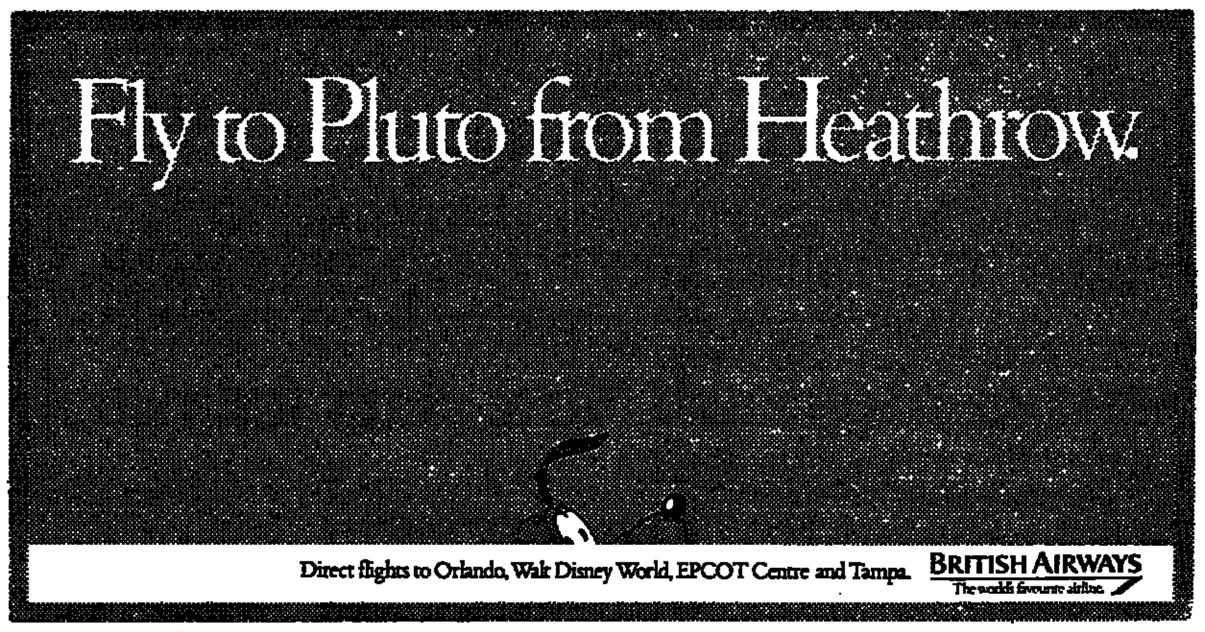

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SPECIAL REPORT

Social service in the islands

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who said: "It will ensure that the successor private company can gain the benefits of more flexible financing to meet the major development programmes of the next 10 years, to enable our staff to own shares and to participate in the future of the business, and to allow us to expand our activities beyond present limitations." Privatization of the financially-successful BAA should be a far happier experience for government than the attempt to sell the six uneconomic aerodromes in the Scottish highlands and islands operated by the CAA. When these were offered last year there was just one firm bid and the airports were then taken off the market.

Government policy now is that they will be operated by the CAA, but as a separate limited company to ensure, once again, "financial transparency". Unlike most of the rest of Britain's airports, those in the highlands and islands perform a social service, providing as they do a communications lifeline to remote communities.

Government policy towards the local authority airports – *they include some of the major* ones such as Manchester, Birmingham and Luton – was

Local councils must involve the private sector

spelt out in the recent Government White Paper. It says: "The Government is not convinced that running local authority airports through committees or joint committees is *the most effective way of* managing substantial businesses.

"Legislation will therefore be introduced at the earliest opportunity to provide powers for the Secretary of State to require major airports to be formed into companies, *with shares held* initially by the local authority owners. The Government does not intend to require these shares to be sold to the private sector, but local authorities will be empowered to do so if they wish. Local authorities will be encouraged to *involve* the private sector in the development and running of airports."

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Pictures: Mike Abrahams

Window on the world's busiest international airport for one of the Heathrow air traffic control team

On-board computers will save fuel and cut flight times

AIR CONTROL

Tests on a computerized central data bank hold the key to more efficient air traffic control in Europe. The data bank will contain detailed information on all airline flights within western Europe, so that traffic flow along the busy airways can be predicted.

The data will be transmitted to an air traffic flow management service, which will compare traffic with the capacity of the airways, re-routing or delaying aircraft when necessary only. This should eliminate many delays that occur when aircraft are asked to wait for "slots" by air traffic *controllers who do not have a complete* picture of the situation over Europe.

Eurocontrol (the European air traffic control agency), the data bank's developers, face difficulties in collecting data on non-scheduled flights, and in predicting which particular route an aircraft will take *to reach its destination.* But initial trials in London and Paris have been encouraging.

Such central planning is difficult in Europe because of the large number of countries involved. Each has its own brand of equipment and its own operational methods, and no one body has a clear strategic idea of where hold-ups might occur and how to eliminate them with minimum inconvenience to passengers.

Although Eurocontrol was set up with the intention of providing a pan-European air traffic control authority, most countries were not prepared to give up the right to *control aerial traffic in their airspace.* So Eurocontrol only controls high-altitude traffic over West Germany and the Benelux countries. But its role as a co-ordinating and research body is increasing with efforts such as the central data-bank.

Air traffic controllers in Europe face particular difficulties because of the volume of traffic and its nature. In the summer, for example, there is a high-density of north-south traffic generated by holidaymakers bound for the Mediterranean, combined with business flights between major centres and long-haul flights between Europe and the Americas and the Middle and Far East.

There is also a high volume of military traffic in many countries, blocking large volumes of airspace which could otherwise be used by airliners.

Eurocontrol and the International Civil Aviation Organization, a United Nations body, are working hard to *improve air* traffic control delays in Europe, and the International Civil Aviation Organization is holding a major meeting in Malaga this November to discuss progress. There will also be discussions in long-term developments in aerial navigation, such as the introduction of sophisticated on-board computers which enable aircraft to fly directly from A to B – instead of following a tortuous zig-zag path between ground-*based navigation beacons, as they do now.*

Direct routing promises to save millions of gallons of fuel a year, as well as cutting flight times and easing bottle-necks caused by concentrations of traffic over radio beacons. But the military users of airspace have to agree first.

*As efforts to improve European co-*ordination continue, many countries are upgrading their own traffic control systems to cope with increasing traffic. In Britain, the National Air Traffic Service (NATS) is introducing new radars which will give controllers a clearer picture of air traffic over Britain and is progressively upgrading computers and *display* and communications equipment at the main air traffic control centre near Heathrow.

As automation and efficiency improve, NATS is able to operate with fewer controllers – a cut of 350 on the controller work-force was announced recently, *despite the record levels of air traffic* which are using British airports this year.

Richard Whitaker

Cutting out the boarding delays

EQUIPMENT

A cynic might observe that airports would be easy to design if only there were no passengers or aeroplanes. Unfortunately for the designer, both must be catered for – and in increasing numbers. So too must the mass of equipment needed to process passengers with the least fuss.

At most airports, the first hurdle is checking in. This is still done manually at smaller airports, but at international airports it is normally automated – albeit with an agent operating the computer.

The airline industry is working on a new type of ticket which would be read by a machine and would incorporate the boarding pass. Passengers would put their tickets into the machine which would validate the boarding pass automatically, and issue the desired number of baggage tags. Only passengers with complex travel plans, or with an aversion to machines, would use check-in agents.

This automation would speed up checking in and should allow airports to handle more passengers in their existing space. It is still some years away though, because the new tickets have not been agreed on. Nevertheless, passengers may soon be able to buy tickets at the airport by inserting a credit card into a machine. This system is gaining popularity in the United States and saves time and space.

After checking in, the passenger says goodbye to his or her bag, hoping to be reunited with it at his destination. Whether that happens depends on the unseen baggage handling system at the departure airport. At small airports, the bag is taken directly from the check-in area to the plane, with little chance of it going astray. But larger airports mix up all the bags from different check-in desks in a central system, which then sorts them according to their destination. At a few airports, this is done completely automatically, but usually some people are involved.

Either way, a complex system *of moving* belts and guideways takes the bag to a make-up area, where it joins other bags before being put on to the aircraft. There is debate in the industry about whether this sorting process should be automatic – some say machine are faster and *more accurate than people*, but pessimists fear machinery failure.

Meanwhile, the passenger goes through a security check, and then passport control. The security check is to foil hijackers and ensure nothing dangerous is taken on to the plane. At major airports, hand baggage is searched by X-ray, while the passenger walks through a "gateway" metal detector. At smaller airports searches are conducted by hand.

The automatic detection equipment has changed little in appearance since it was introduced in the early 1970s, but the technology is constantly improving. Much depends on the alertness and training of the security personnel, who can hand-search any passenger or bag if they wish.

Speeding the boarding routine with the latest equipment – like this loading bridge at Heathrow's terminal four

Passport control is also earmarked for automation. Machine-readable passports have been introduced in the US, and are on their way in Europe. The new type of plastic passport contains the holders' details on a magnetically encoded strip, like a credit card. The traveller puts the passport into a machine which automatically compares his name with a centralized list of "undesirables". Most passengers will use the machines, and only a few will need the attention of an immigration officer. This process will cut queuing on arrival.

Once these formalities are over, the passenger has to get to the aircraft, possibly via shops, bars or restaurants. The number of passengers using major international airports means some mechanical help must be provided to get them to the aircraft.

Parking a plane by the walkway

At Heathrow, for example, aircraft are parked against piers which contain long corridors, usually with moving walkways.

Modern airport design seeks to minimize the amount of walking for the passenger. At *Heathrow's terminal four*, which is due to open next spring, this is done by parking the aircraft alongside the main building, eliminating unpleasant corridors and replacing them with a wide, open-plan lounge along the length of the *building.* Moving walkways are provided.

Having reached the departure gate, the passenger usually embarks through a "loading bridge", a corridor connecting the building to the plane. These are sophisticated devices which are designed to connect with many kinds of aircraft *and have* to meet strict safety standards. A Swedish company has designed an automatically driven bridge, but those at British airports are driven manually.

During busy periods, some aircraft have to be parked far from the terminal and passengers transferred by bus. Airlines must therefore still have steps despite the widespread use of loading bridges.

Equipping an airport is an expensive business – Heathrow's new terminal four will cost about £200 million, and about a third of that will be on equipment.

Although they involve a major cash outlay, airports can be profitable. The British Airports Authority last year had a pre-tax profit of £63.9 million on a turnover of £361.6 million. Some revenue growth comes from increased landing and aircraft parking fees, but most is from commercial activities.

The best known money-spinner is duty-free shops, but other important elements are catering, car rental, speciality shops and newsagents. These activities together generate about half the BAA's revenue and all its profit.

Until recently only major airports had duty-free shops, *but Luton, Leeds-Bradford* and Southampton have opened shops in the last year.

The BAA believes it could develop its commercial base further after privatization. Despite the expense of new buildings and equipment, airports should pay their own way without help from the public purse.

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New start for the independents

AIRLINE TRENDS

The British airline scene is dominated by the Government's intention to privatize British Airways and liberalize air routes and fares, especially *within Europe. These moves are* set against a backdrop of record passenger levels at British airports, although predictions cannot be based on the profits generated by this business because of the cyclical nature of the industry.

The out-of-court settlement of most of Sir Freddie Laker's claims against BA has paved the way for the flag carrier to be privatized, probably in March or April next year.

The prospect of a BA sale – which should raise £1 billion – has been of major importance to the industry's recent development. When privatization was mooted, BA was making heavy losses and had a tarnished *reputation with travellers. Lord* King was made chairman and told to make the airline attractive to investors. This he has done, shaking up management, pruning the work-force, rationalizing the fleet and improving service levels. Re*sults have turned round dra*matically, with profits reaching £210 million in 1984-85.

Last year, independent airlines including British Caledonian pressured the Civil Aviation Authority to review allocations of air routes to British airlines. The independents were worried that an efficient, privately-owned BA would be too mighty for true

Low-fare agreements boost leisure traffic

competition, creating a private monopoly rather than a public semi-monopoly. The CAA agreed and proposed a route swap between BA and Caledonian to restore some balance. But the *Government needed to keep* BA's value high, and toned down the CAA's proposal.

The major elements which survived were for BA to take on Caledonian's unprofitable South American routes, while Caledonian would get BA's lucrative services to Saudi Arabia.

The result of the swap was meant to be a hand-over of £18 million a year in profits to Caledonian, although it is not clear whether this was a realistic figure. BA plans to make a profit in South America by combining thin routes with flights to the Caribbean, while Caledonian's fortunes in Saudi Arabia may be affected by the down-turn in construction work *and oil* production there.

The White Paper announcing the route swap also said BA would give independent airlines other than Caledonian financial incentives to compete with the flag carrier on international routes *from provincial cities.* About £450,000 would be given for each route to help cover start-up costs. The CAA must vet applications and hearings on 28 are due in October.

A two-year experiment with deregulating domestic routes promised by the CAA in its policy review has met with difficulties. From the start, the CAA had to protect trunk routes because of airport congestion around London, and also had to exclude the Channel Isles from its provisions. But it said airlines could have free access to other routes, and freedom to set fares. Smaller airlines, led by Air UK, persuaded the CAA that they could be exposed unfairly to the might of BA and Caledonian on *these routes. So only the fares* deregulation has survived – and the CAA can still block fares if it finds they harm competition.

The difficulty of making profits away from trunk routes has been underlined by the collapse earlier this month of Metropolitan Airlines, a Caledonian commuter carrier. Metropolitan had taken over many routes formerly operated by Genair which failed in mid-1984.

Britain's attempts to liberalize international air services have met with mixed success but are continuing, at least in Europe. In June 1984, an agreement with the Netherlands gave airlines free market entry, and let them charge any fares provided they were approved by the country of origin. By March, 10 new routes had been opened and traffic between London and Amsterdam rose 16 per cent. Since then, the agreement has been extended and fares can only be disapproved if both governments agree. Britain has also signed less extensive deals with West Germany and Luxembourg.

If the low-fare agreements continue to stimulate off-peak leisure traffic, airlines will hope

Incentives to compete with flag-carriers

for more of these bilateral deals. Many European countries are reluctant, however, and some *like France and Italy, are openly* hostile. The European Commission, and several members of the European Economic Community, are striving for an EEC agreement to relax the tightly controlled system of allocating routes and determining frequencies, fares and numbers of seats available on European air routes.

There has been one loosening of air routes between EEC countries.

In June last year, air services between smaller centres operated by aircraft with fewer than 70 seats were liberalized, permitting services like Southend to Billund, Denmark. But the relaxation was so fraught with restrictions that few routes have been opened as a result of it.

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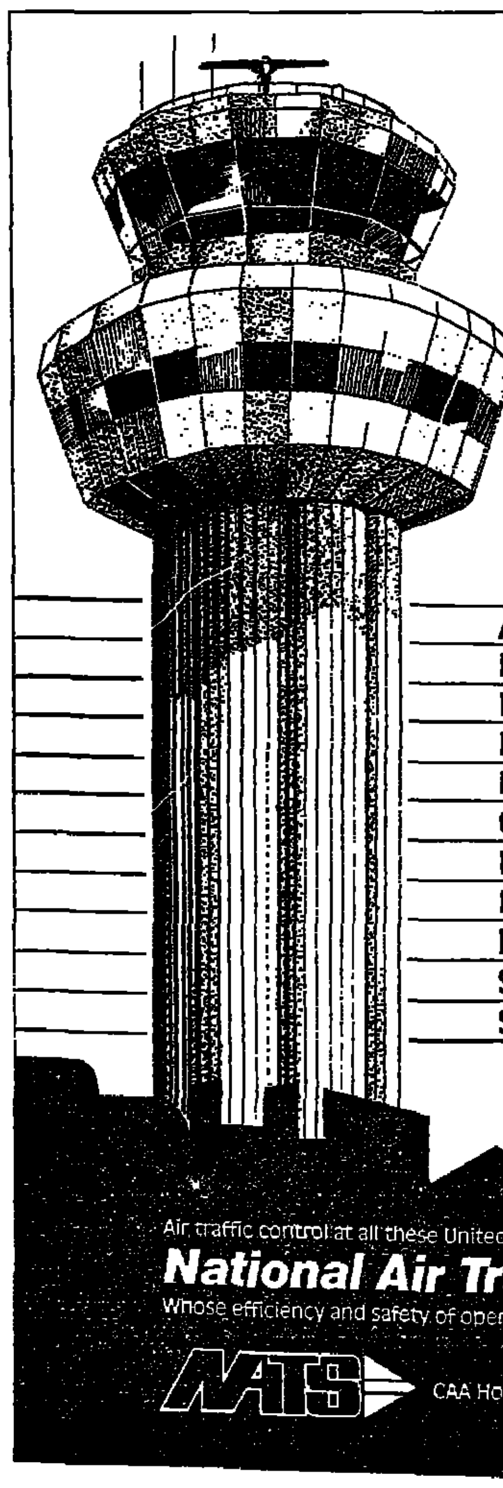
SAFETY

69 million passengers a year

■ There were 1,081,000 take-offs and touchdowns at major British airports in the year 1984-5, according to the National Air Traffic Services. Nearly 69,000,000 passengers *embark and disembark at UK* airports in the same period.

These figures should be read in the context of Britain's overall safety record, which has been overshadowed by this year's accidents at Manchester and Leeds/Bradford. There *have been seven major accidents* or incidents to public transport aircraft in the UK since 1972. They were:

- June 18 1972; British European Airways Trident crashed soon after take-off from Heathrow. All 118 on board killed.
- July 31 1979; Dan-Air 748 ran off end of runway on take-off from Sumburgh. Of 47 on board, 17 were killed, 30 survived.
- July 17 1980; Alidair Viscount made forced landing at Ottery St Mary, Devon, after running out of fuel. No injuries to any of the 62 on board.
- June 26, 1981; Dan-Air 748 on postal service came down in Leicestershire after door came off in flight. All three on board killed.
- July 16 1983; British Airways Helicopters S-61 flew into the sea off the Scillies. Of 26 on board, 20 were killed, six survived.
- May 28 1985; British Airtours TriStar ran off runway after landing at Leeds/Bradford airport. All 416 on board evacuated the aircraft safely.
- August 22 1985; British Airtours B737 caught fire on take-off after engine exploded at Manchester airport. Of 136 on board, 54 were killed, 82 survived.



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Success stories despite the disappointment

THE NORTH

Though disappointed at the decision by the Government to develop Stansted as a main airport, the City of Manchester, the Greater Manchester Council, and the Manchester International Airport Authority obtained some consolation from the White Paper on airports policy which contained the promise to encourage the development of Manchester as a regional hub.

The Government also said it would negotiate with the US government the basis on which scheduled American airlines might operate direct scheduled services to Manchester, and that it would expect to approve investment for a second terminal "when this is justified by demand and return on capital". And the Government added that it would be glad to approve a rail link into the airport if it could be justified.

In the view of the consortium of northern airports and councils, led by Manchester, the strength of their argument, "forced the Secretary of State to impose drastic modifications on the divisive and unnecessary proposals of the British Airports Authority to build a 50 million passenger per annum monster at Stansted."

In a statement after the publication of the White Paper, the northern consortium said: "The recent history of regional airports has been dogged by the unfulfilled promises of governments.

"We cannot stress too strongly that the development of a regional airport policy, which makes a genuine contribution towards the disparities of Britain, is not something which can be regarded as a paper exercise. It requires the total and solid commitment of ministers, civil servants – who have in the past demonstrated a marked reluctance in that direction – politicians, both local and national, and those responsible for the airports themselves.

"In regard to the British Airports Authority, another major test of the success of the White Paper will be the elimination of the wasteful and predatory competitive policies which have been pursued by the BAA in the past to the detriment of regional passengers and the regional airports and which, along with practical mechanisms such as the uncommercial cross-subside of Stansted by the authority, must now stop."

Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, the main target of the consortium's publicity barrage, duly visited Manchester airport in August to open a new international departure lounge extension and arrivals hall. The works were part of a £20 million capital programme designed to expand the facilities of the terminal from its current 6 million passengers a year to 8.5 million by the end of the decade.

Manchester is also developing a new cargo complex to replace facilities which were housed in hangars dating from the Second World War. The work, which will cost £8 million, began in July 1984 and should be complete by next February.

Newcastle airport was given permission by the Government this summer to proceed with a £3 million development scheme to extend its baggage reclaim hall and terminal pier. The airport is expected to be one of the main beneficiaries of government policy to liberalize air services between Britain and countries in Europe. Three airlines, two of them new, have been flying from Newcastle to Amsterdam since an agreement on fares and frequencies was signed with the Dutch, and government talks with Scandinavia, with which the North-East has traditional links, are due to be resumed this autumn.

From a peak of 600,000 passengers a year during the 1970s, **Ronaldsway** airport, Isle of Man, has suffered from changing British holiday patterns and expects to handle 300,000 this year. But with the emergence of the Isle of Man as a financial and industrial centre, the traffic is likely to grow again. At present it is split 50-50 between business and leisure.

The airport has services, both scheduled and charter, to 28 destinations this year. The busiest route is to Heathrow. But traffic on the route to and from Liverpool has grown by 130 per cent after the introduction of cheap fares matching those charged by the sea ferries. The implementation of plans for a freeport are eagerly anticipated by the Isle of Man Airports Board on the basis that such a facility would spur air traffic.

Blackpool *airport* can trace its lineage back 75 years, and has been operated in its present form as a civil airport for 35 years. Owned and operated by the borough council, it achieves a small operating surplus, but the inclusion of debt and central establishment charges mean that a small deficit has to be funded from the borough's total rate income. Over the past few years the council has invested £1.2 million in new heli-terminal facilities to support the British Gas Morecambe field 25 miles offshore, and last year the airport handled 8,750 helicopter movements and 80,000 helicopter passengers. There is a limited network of scheduled passenger services, and one airline has applied to operate flights between Blackpool and the proposed London stolport.

Development of a new £3.5 million terminal at **Liverpool** airport by Wimpey Construction for Merseyside County Council began in February this year and should be completed by March, 1986, when it will replace the existing facility, which was opened in 1938. Meanwhile, traffic is increasing, largely due to cheap fares to and from the Isle of Man.

Mail carryings in January-June 1985 rose by 9 per cent, with the Post Office serving 14 destinations nightly from the airport. Liverpool is one of eight UK provincial airports which will qualify for duty-free shops under recent changes in legislation, and this facility will be opened in spring, 1986, with the airport director, Rod Rufus, claiming that it will be, "the cheapest in the United Kingdom".

The local-authority-run airport at **Leeds/Bradford** has been undergoing a £23 million facelift, including a runway extension, and development of the terminal building. The airport offers a selection of scheduled destinations, but also has a wide range of charter services serving the extensive catchment area for package holidays which exists in the North of England.

Teesside airport, owned 60 per cent by Cleveland County Council and 40 per cent by Durham County Council, has just completed a £750,000 extension programme embracing passenger lounges, arrivals and Customs halls, and baggage reclaim area.

This should increase the airport's capacity to 900,000 passengers a year. Teesside handled 327,000 in 1983, 302,000 last year, and should reach the 1983 figure again by the end of this year. Passengers using the airport in July were 12 per cent up on the same month last year. Teesside qualifies for a duty-free shop under the new legislation. Busiest routes are those to London and Amsterdam.

Humberside County Council, operators of **Humberside** airport, forecasts strong future expansion with a catchment area population of 1.5 million. The airport handled 100,000 passengers last year, and future expansion plans include a £500,000 terminal extension, and the provision of a duty-free shop. **Carlisle** airport, owned by the city council, has been the subject of a recent development plan, which made the point that the remoteness of the surrounding area (with a population of 400,000 living within an hour's drive) increased the importance of the airport.

Carlisle handled only 1,132 passengers in 1982-83, but the total rose to 7,800 in the first half of 1984-85. Increases in traffic on existing routes to Heathrow, the Isle of Man, and Jersey, are expected to result in a total of 41,000 passengers by 1987-88.

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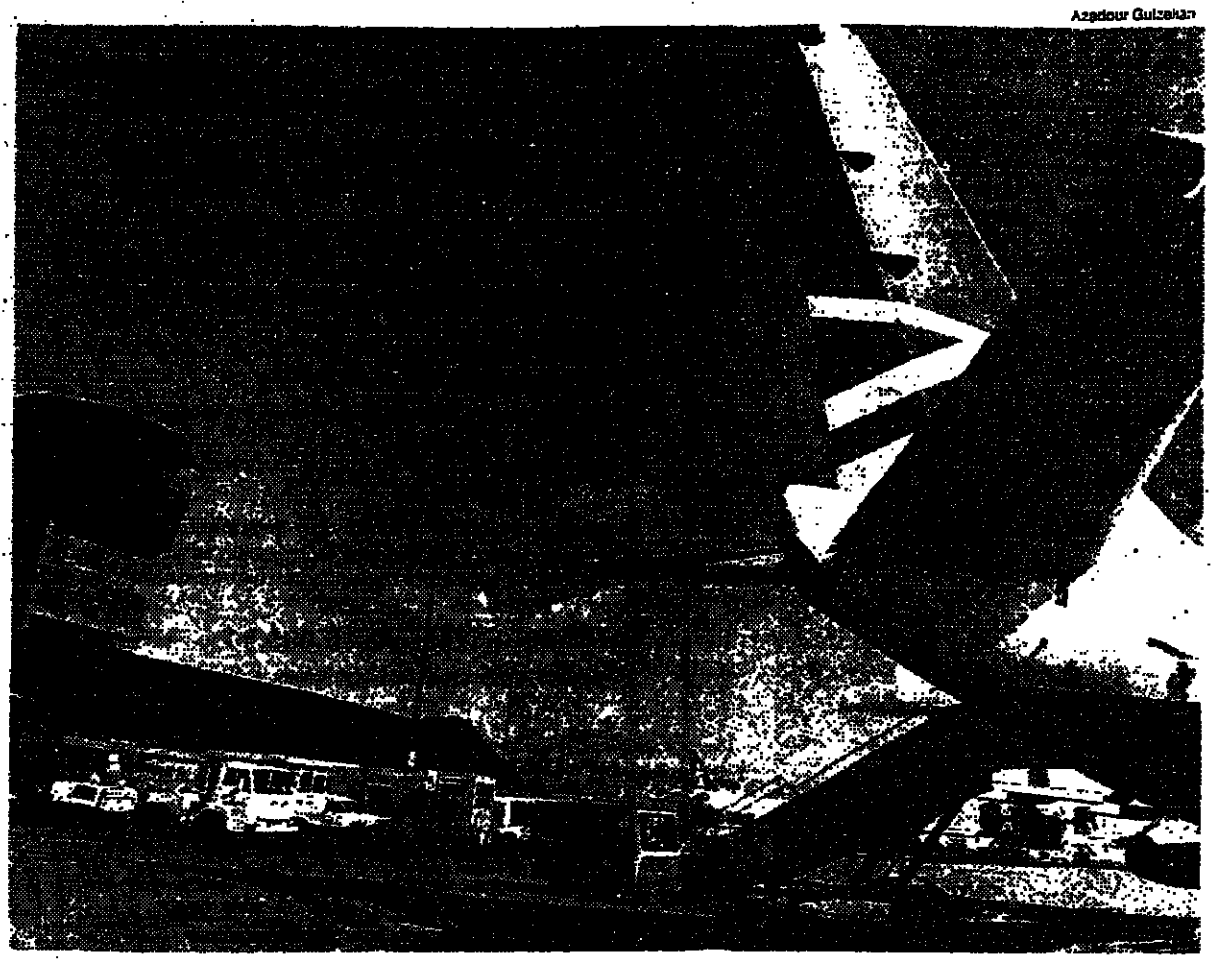

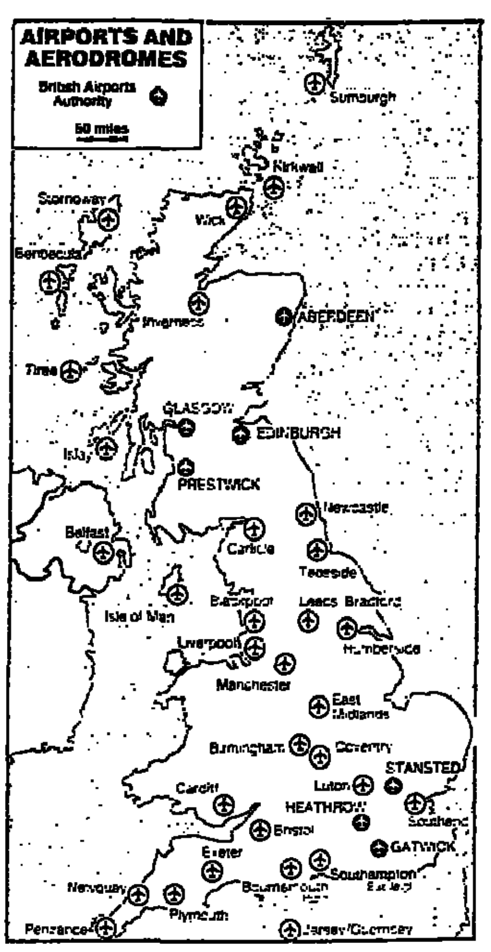

Leeds/Bradford: Its local authority owners are giving the airport a £23 million facelift. Right: Britain's airports

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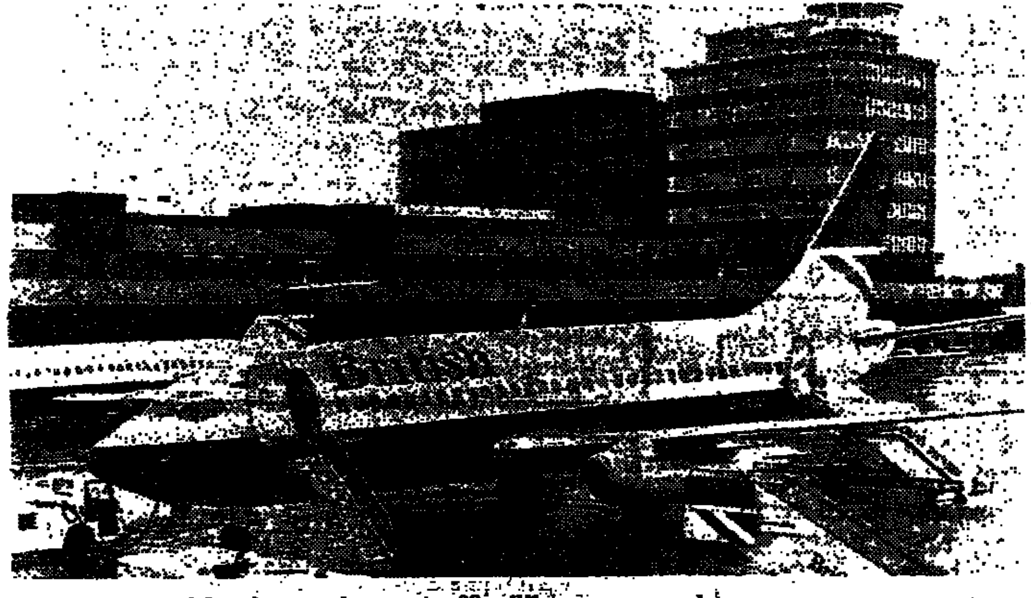

Manchester airport: An £8 million cargo complex programme

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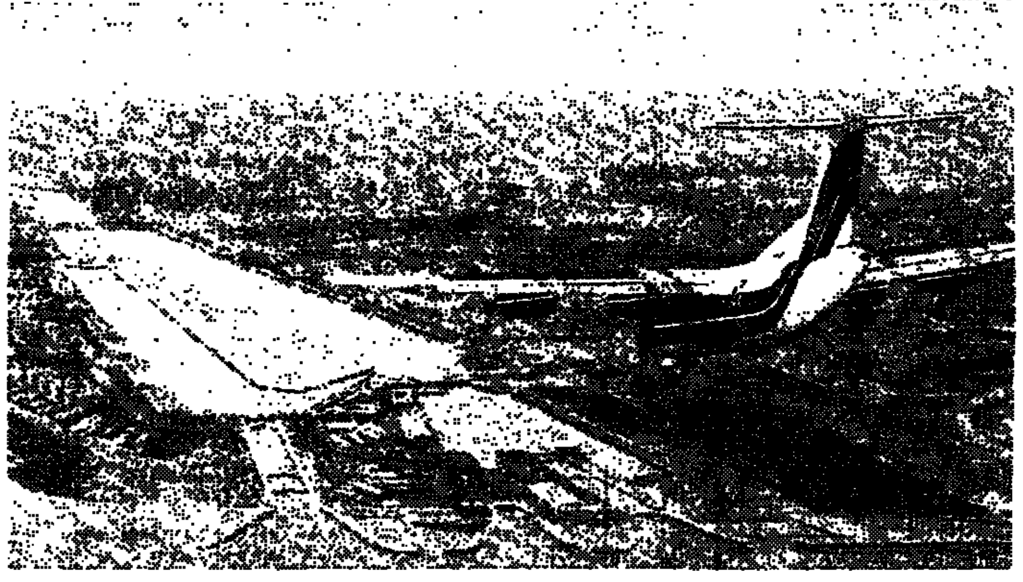

The proposed Stolport: Direct entry to central London

Taking off to a bright future

SCOTLAND

Prestwick airport was singled out in the White Paper on airports policy for special mention, with the promise that it would continue to be "Scotland's gateway airport for long-haul services". Sir Norman Payne, chairman of the British Airports Authority, which operates Prestwick, Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Aberdeen airports commented: "This removed the doubt which has hindered our efforts to promote Prestwick and regain traffic lost during the recession. The airport now has a clear future, and a marketing programme is under way to restore its finances to a satisfactory level".

Glasgow airport experienced a 12.8 per cent increase in passengers in 1984-85 to 2.8 million, while cargo grew by 23 per cent to 15,600 tonnes. But the success of the airport brought the terminal facilities under strain, and planning has begun for a redevelopment programme. Income during the year rose by £3.9 million, or 22 per cent, and the profit, at £5.2 million, was up by 108 per cent. Edinburgh airport showed a trading profit for the first time in 1984-85 – at £900,000, compared with a loss of £100,000 in the previous year. Income was up 20 per cent at £10 million, and traffic rose by 16 per cent to 1.5 million passengers.

Aberdeen airport, developed *over the last 10 years largely to* meet the needs of the offshore oil industry, has just published a master plan to take it through to the end of the century, when it will be handling 2.3 million passengers a year, compared with 1.76 million in 1984.

The dramatic rise in helicopter traffic at the airport is tailing off, but the BAA forecast that it will increase marginally from next year to a peak in 1990. This means that the present facilities will be able to cope in the foreseeable future, according to the authority. Aberdeen made an increased trading profit of £700,000 during 1984-85.

At Dundee passenger numbers have been declining, but it is hoped that this trend will be reversed when larger turbo-prop aircraft are introduced from next month on services from Heathrow.

Heathrow and Manchester are the main destinations served from the airport, operated by *Tayside Regional Council*, which has completed a £750,000 programme on improvements.

In Northern Ireland Belfast International saw the completion of a £25 million development programme, including new terminal buildings, last year, and a further £5 million is still to be spent. The airport was used by 1.6 million passengers in 1984.

Ports that flourish in the shadow of the giants

THE SOUTH

Southern Britain is dominated by the two main airports, Heathrow and Gatwick. In the 1984-85 financial year they handled just over 44 million passengers between them, or about two-thirds of the total at all Britain's airports. But there are many other airports in the region which manage to flourish in the shadow of these giants.

The biggest recent event at **Luton** airport was the opening of a new terminal, by the Prince of Wales in July, costing £11 million and planned as part of an expansion programme started in 1980. The Government White Paper on airports linked Luton with Stansted as the two prime sites for future expansion, and Luton Borough Council is preparing plans to expand its capacity from 3.5 million to 5 million passengers.

Birmingham International Airport opened a £62 million new terminal and associated facilities last year, and is moving ahead with new air-freight accommodation linked with one of the first freeports in Britain. The airport handled 1.75 million passengers in 1984, an 8.5 per cent increase, and the new terminal is designed to cope with 3 million a year by the early 1990s.

Much of the growth is on scheduled services, and Air France opened a direct weekday link with Paris early this month.

Sixty-four construction firms applied to be considered for a £2.7 million contract to develop the main terminal building at **East Midlands** airport, and the successful company, John Laing, began work this July. Passengers using the airport in the 1984-85 financial year totalled just over 1 million, up 9.7 per cent on the previous year, and the airport made an operating surplus of £3.5m, up 25 per cent.

Prospects for the current year are less encouraging, with package holiday traffic down. Much of this *trend is attributed to the aftermath of* the miners' strike.

But air freight is expanding, and East Midlands claims to be the third largest cargo airport in England.

Norwich airport, administered by a joint committee composed of equal membership from Norwich City Council and Norfolk County Council, plans to embark on an ambitious development plan starting in the autumn of 1987. The project will cost £5 million and will include a new airport terminal on a "green-field" site, aircraft parking apron and car parking. Passenger numbers are forecast to increase from the 200,000 a year now to 350,000 by 1995.

Norwich has a number of scheduled services, mainly operated by Air UK, whose main base is on the airport. But a recent poll indicated that there is a growing demand for inclusive tour character flights direct from the airport.

Coventry airport saw a remarkable increase in its traffic in 1984, handling 80,400 passengers in 1984 compared with 26,600 the previous year, and has completed a number of improvements and extensions to its facilities. Work embraced the baggage halls, the passenger departure lounge, and the short and long-term car parks.

Plans for next year include the introduction of regular charter services to Majorca.

Southend airport has also had encouraging growth in traffic. Between the beginning of March and the end of May this year the airport handled 30,000 passengers and 5,500 tonnes of freight, increases of 75.5 per cent and 11.3 per cent respectively over the same period of 1984.

A total of 455 aircraft movements was recorded on July 5, a record in the airport's 50 years' history.

Southend is managed by British Airports International (BIA) on behalf of the Southend Borough Council, and its director, Gareth Evans, said he saw the results for the three months mentioned above as, "indictive of the untapped potential of the airport, which is situated in an area of high economic growth".

The opening of a duty-free shop in October is expected to increase the airport's popularity.

British Airports International also manages **Southampton Eastleigh** airport on behalf of its owners Saipur Investments and believes that motorway extensions complementing main-line rail services to the airport stations will, in future, enhance its position as a busy gateway to the Channel Islands, with 25 services each way each day in summer. A duty-free shop was opened this spring, and passenger facilities have been refurbished.

Exeter is another airport run by BAI. Its owner, Devon County Council has over the past five years, invested £5 million in improved facilities for the scheduled and charter airlines which use it increasingly. The project covered a runway extension, expansion of the terminal, and better navigation aids, including Plessey Watchman radar.

It is estimated that up to 300,000 air journeys a year originate in, or are destined for Devon, Cornwall and parts of Somerset and Dorset. The forecast is that the airport could be handling 250,000 passengers a year by 1992.

Part of a new terminal for **Bournemouth Hurn** airport costing £4 million was opened recently, and plans for the next stage are being considered. The airport, which celebrated its 40th anniversary last November – it was Britain's major international airport for a short time at the end of World War II – has scheduled services to the Channel Islands, and to other UK domestic destinations and package holiday flights to Spain, Greece, Portugal, the Canaries and France.

Jersey and **Guernsey** airports in the Channel Islands are both profitable, and handled respectively last year 1.5 million and 587,000 passengers (Jersey expects 1.6 million this year). Alderney, serving the island's 2,000-strong community, and a small number of holiday-makers, has been having lengthy, but so far inconclusive talks towards privatization.

Jersey boasts over 35 UK and European airlines using its airport.

Work will start next month on a 219-metre runway extension costing £750,000 at **Cardiff-Wales** airport to enable it to be used for non-stop flights to New York and Toronto by wide-bodied jets with maximum payloads. British and US tour operators have expressed "positive interest" in such operations for the 1986 summer season, according to the airport director Ian Cran.

Cardiff handled just under half a million passengers last year, up 10 per cent on the previous 12 months.

Well over £2 million is being invested at **Bristol** airport on current and future development. Two new aircraft stands were completed in July this year at a cost of £500,000, a new fire station costing £450,000 opened in August, and extensions to the departure lounge and a new duty-free shop, costing £250,000, are due to open in December.

Bristol handles around 450,000 passengers a year. The airport is owned by Bristol City Council, and an offer by BAE to buy it is being considered.

In the far west of England, **Penzance** airport links the Isles of Scilly with a scheduled helicopter service operated by a British Airways Sikorsky S61 which carries around 70,000 passengers a year. **Plymouth** airport is unusual in being owned by an airline, Brymon Airways.

Brymon intends to be the major initial operator, with its short take-off and landing De Havilland of Canada Dash 7 airliners at the London docklands stolport, which now has the green light from the government, and which is due to open for services in 1987.

Navigation by radar: The millions making it better

☐ The Civil Aviation Authority National Air Traffic Services (NATS) provides aerodrome navigation services at Aberdeen, Belfast International, Birmingham, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Gatwick, Glasgow, Heathrow, Manchester, Prestwick, Stansted, and the Highlands and Islands group of airports, and is constantly updating facilities through a rolling capital-investment programme.

One of the most-important recent improvements was the opening of a £6 million ground-movements control tower at Gatwick, at 37 metres the highest in the country, equipped with a new Racal ASMI 18 ground-movement radar. At Glasgow, NATS has just completed a £1.5 million project that includes a new control room and refurbished control tower, which will be formally opened later this month. Two million pounds has been spent at Aberdeen over the past 12 months on refurbishing the approach control room, on a new secondary radar, and on improved communications for the heavy helicopter traffic which uses the airport. Manchester is installing a ground-movement radar, to be operational for the coming winter.

NATS is also embarked on a long-term study of air traffic control patterns over London and the South-East, taking into account new traffic to be generated by Stansted and the London Stolport in the Docklands.

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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Euro aid for ex-farmers

By John Lawless

The 12,000 Euro civil servants in Brussels *are not so consumed* by food mountains and wine lakes that they have no time to think about how to *encourage farmers to leave the land* – and, more important, to help to fund new businesses ex-farmers might want *to set up.*

The European Agricultural, Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) is just one of several pools of money which, a report published this week urges, must be more successfully *tapped.*

The report is aimed primarily at district councils, which need to bolster financial resources for new job-creating activities because of Whitehall's overall constraints on local authority budgets.

The Euro-funds are individually massive. But, at best, they are misunderstood and, at worst, ignored. The report, however, stresses: "The myth of the unhelpful Brussels bureaucrat is dead. Local authorities can expect a *positive and co-operative* attitude from commission officials."

Financial aid can be had not just in regions designated by Britain as "assisted areas". It is also available to economic development agencies and the private sector – provided the rules for disbursement are *fully appreciated.*

Britain received £55 million from *the EAGGF in the* past year, but it was spent mainly on the modernization of farms and on such things as hill farming in less favoured areas.

However, a new and more generous system of funding tourism and craft industries under it, for investments up to £25,000 per business, *is* now being operated.

The much bigger and better known European *Regional* Development Fund, includes assistance "to help small firms make use of advanced technology, or to provide them *with* management or financial advice or common services".

It can also help fund such *things* as research into potential new industries, or the building of advance factories, *normally in the form of small* workshops.

Conversion loans under the daunt*ing European Coal and Steel* Community Treaty normally go to companies creating new jobs in places *where* those declining industries predominate – but they can be as low as £5,000.

The European Investment Bank has made loans of more than £3.5 billion to British borrowers since 1973. They can be for promoting industrial co-operation between companies in different member states, or, perhaps, to help reduce non-EEC *imports.*

The European Social Fund is geared to employment and retraining. But, the report advises, it is not just to persuade people to shift into the high-tech fields. "Catering, hairdressing, TV repairing and other service industries may provide a far more rewarding result than some of the more 'faddy' ideas," it says.

Private consultants are available to help firms to get into the workings of the various Euro-funds.

Attracting Money From Europe is available, at £4.50 including postage, from the Association of District *Councils,* 9 *Buckingham Gate, London* SW1E 6LE.

Plants grow into profit

The Pearses: Interior landscapes

By Sally Watts

The trend towards more glamorous offices has brought success to Plant Designs, a business built up by Mike and Lesley Pearse to provide interior landscaping for company premises. Mr Pearse was formerly a marketing manager with Rank Xerox, but left in 1980 to start his own business.

Plant Designs is now among the 10 leading firms in its field. Mr Pearse's staff has increased from one (himself) to a dozen, with eight sales people "on the road", turnover has increased consistently to £350,000 in the year just ended and last year the business moved to larger premises at Fulham, west London.

Although most companies opt for plants throughout their offices and public areas, they can spend as little as £100, which will give them two plants, each 5 ft *tall,* in decorative containers.

Mrs Pearse, who has a degree in *fine arts, runs a complementary* service, visiting art galleries and shops to find paintings and sculpture for offices.

Plant decor for offices started in the United States, where it is now big business, with *in situ* beds and adequate air supply and irrigation.

● **Plant Designs, Unit 5a, 101 Farm Lane, Fulham, London SW6 1QJ (01-381 6881/2).**

BRIEFING

Tips at no cost

■ Grants from Europe for a range of business activities, are the subject of a free evening seminar by the Greater Manchester Economic Development Corporation on October 3. The corporation says grants are available to companies employing fewer than 200 people for market research, financial management advice, product *development and computer applications.* Only companies in the Wigan, Bolton, Bury, Oldham, Rochdale and Ashton-under-Lyne travel-to-work areas are eligible for invitation to the seminar.

● **Contact:** *Pamela Bishop, GMEDC, Bernard House, Piccadilly Gardens, Manchester M1 4DD (061-236 4412).*

■ Midland Bank has produced a 12-page booklet *Finance for Business* which *explains in simple terms items such as* factoring and instalment credit and highlights its recently launched small business and business development loan schemes.

● **Contact:** *Small Business Unit, Business Development Division, Midland Bank, Poultry, London EC2P 2BX.*

■ Parking meters are not greatly loved items. But, says Thomson Local *Directories, they should be considered* as much as newspapwers, radio, magazines and local cinemas when firms think about advertising. A 32-page *Small Businessman's Guide to the Media* is available from Lorna Jane Skinner, Thomsom Directories, Thomson House, 296 Farnborough Road, Farnborough, Hampshire GU14 7NU, as are copies of its predecessor, a guide to advertising.

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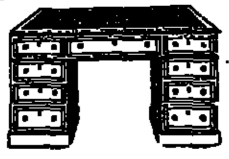

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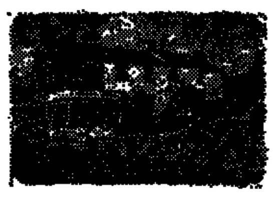

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CRICKET: MIDDLESEX CLOSE TO VICTORY THAT WILL KEEP THEM ON TOP OF CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

Gooch breaks 2,000-run barrier

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

LORD'S: Essex, with five second innings wickets in hand, are 95 runs ahead of Middlesex.

At the end of another gorgeous day, watched by an excellent crowd, Middlesex looked set for the victoy that will keep them ahead of Hampshire at the top of the county championship. But they had been made to work very much harder for their advantage than on Wednesday. With only a few overs left Essex, after being 187 behind on first innings, were still well in the game.

Gooch who made yet another 100, had been badly in need of a partner when Lilley joined him at 146 for three. Edmonds was embarked on a particularly good spell of bowling in which he had taken the wickets of Hardie, Prichard and McEwan in his last 11 overs. But Middlesex were not holding their catches and Lilley refused to be overawed.

During his innings Gooch became the first batsman to reach 2,000 first class runs for the season, for the second season running. He was given three lives: a stumping chance when he was 49, a difficult catch to Emburey at short fine leg off Edmonds when 72, and an easier slip catch to Emburey when 137. For the fourth wicket he and Lilley had added 128 and come within sight of a night's rest, still together, when they were out.

Had Middlesex dared to declare first thing yesterday morning, they might have won by now. They were then 236 for three and already 144 ahead. But they did the natural thing and batted on, and lost their last seven wickets in 70 minutes. As so often on these September mornings at Lords, the ball moved about until the mist cleared. By the time Middlesex were in the field the seam bowlers were no longer in their element.

Of Middlesex's last seven wickets Pont and Topley, two strong young men, took three apiece, and Williams was run out. Radley was leg before in the first over of the day, having clipped the two previous balls confidently off his legs; Gatting, the other remaining batsman, was caught just backward of the square leg umpire. Downton gave Gooch his third slip catch of the innings, and Emburey hit a short ball to cover-point. In 19 overs Essex took seven wickets for 43 runs.

Reunited as their opening pair Gooch and Hardie now gave Essex in their second innings a flying start. By lunch, after 13 overs, they had made 60. Nothing more was added to what was known already about Gooch's belated appearance in Essex's first innings, and in making his ninth hundred of the season for Essex and England (five in the championships, two in the one-day internationals, one in the Test series and one in the Sunday League), besides countless eighties and nineties, he seemed pretty well at one with the world.

It has been quite a year for the Scots, bringing, as it has, their cricketing becentenary, victory in the national village championship and Hardie's award as man of the match last Saturday. Hardie was born in Stenhousemuir. He was soon busy again yesterday, mostly off his legs. At the age of 35 he is as useful a member of the Essex side as he ever was. By the time he was first out, both stumped and caught at the wicket, Essex were only 76 behind and recovering strongly.

But Prichard and McEwan went cheaply. Prichard was bowled, playing back to a ball that turned; McEwan, cheered most of the way to the wicket on his last appearance on the ground, anyway for Essex, met a slow death. For half an hour he searched vainly for the middle of the bat and was then bowled. Lilley survived the remaining 45 minutes to tea mainly on his determination.

Reassured, eventually, by Gooch's presence, he showed that he, too, can hit the ball once he gets a sight of it. After 32 successive overs from the Nursery End, Edmonds withdrew, only three maidens to his credit, but well deserving of a rest.

Middlesex were on the defensive by now, hoping probably for another morning today when the ball would move around. Then, with half an hour left, Lilley was caught at second slip, and in the next over Gooch, pretty well done in, was leg before wicket to Gatting. Since August 20 Gooch has scored 941 runs in eight innings, not all of them first class, and been out only once for fewer than 90.

Clean bowled: Prichard is completely beaten by Edmonds at Lord's (Photograph: Chris Cole)

ESSEX: First innings 92 (N F Williams 5 for 15)
Second Innings

G A Gooch l-b-w b Gatting	145
B R Hardie c Downton b Edmonds	48
P J Prichard b Edmonds	6
K S McEwan b Edmonds	4
A W Lilley c Brown b Cowans	60
*K W R Fletcher not out	2
†D E East not out	6
Extras (b 1, l-b 5, n-b 5)	11
Total (5 wkts)	282

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-111, 2-130, 3-146, 4-274, 5-274

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

W N Slack c Gooch b Lever	0
K R Brown c Gooch b Topley	25
*M W Gatting c McEwan b Topley	114
R O Butcher c Lever b Acfield	77
C T Radley l-b-w b Pont	21
†P R Downton c Gooch b Topley	1
J E Emburey c Prichard b Pont	10
N F Williams run out	2
P H Edmonds c McEwan b Topley	7
N G Cowans c Lilley b Pont	4
W W Daniel not out	0
Extras (b 2, l-b 12, w 1, n-b 3)	18
Total (97.1 overs)	279

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-47, 3-205, 4-242, 5-243, 6-264, 7-264, 8-275, 9-279, 10-279.

BOWLING: Lever 12-3-22-1, Pont 23-4-81-3, Topley 27.1-8-57-4, Acfield 21-4-74-1, Gooch 14-3-31-0

Bonus points: Middlesex 7, Essex 4.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and C S Cook.

Hampshire take maximum points to narrow deficit

By Richard Streeton

Southampton: Hampshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, lead Northamptonshire by 65 runs.

Hampshire desperately needed quick runs when they went in again with 65 mins left and Gordon Greenidge responded with a swashbuckling innings in his best vein. They must leave themselves plenty of time to bowl out Northamptonshire today to stay in the title race. Hampshire's attack yesterday was extended more than they would have wished as their opponents made a fine recovery from a poor start.

Hampshire stretched their supporters' nerves to breaking point by securing their fourth bowling point with only three overs left. By tea Marshall had retired with hamstring trouble and Harper, who had been dropped at 14 and 32, was firmly established with Capel in a seventh wicket stand.

Northamptonshire were 258 for six at the interval and afterwards Harper, on 67, survived another chance. Greenidge at mid-on parried a hit against Maru but could not hold the ball. Abruptly, though, the pendulum swung back to Hampshire. Capel, Harper and Mallender fell in successive overs from Tremlett and Hampshire, with maximum bonus points, had narrowed the deficit with Middlesex to one point.

Throughout a gripping day the pitch played more easily than it hinted it might on Wednesday. Marshall first thing when he took four for 14 in nine overs, including three wickets in five balls, made light of its bland behaviour. Tremlett was always steady before he took the last four wickets to finish with the best figures.

Marshall's morning spell saw Boyd-Moss, Lamb and Bailey out to the second, fourth and last balls of his second over. Boyd-Moss and Bailey edged catches to second slip; Lamb got one that bounced more than most and was caught behind. Wild hung on for 40 minutes before Marshall yorked him. At 61 for five the Nothamptonshire innings was in ruin.

Cook, though declined to yield an inch and once Marshall was rested, some of the pressure, of course, was lifted. Cook shrugged off the effects of a fearful blow on the right thumb by Andrew and when 32 survived a leg-side catch behind off the same bowler. Capel took his time to play himself in and gathered confidence with firm strokes against Maru's left-arm spin.

Cook and Capel put on 86 in 31 overs before Cook, making his first rash move after three and a half hours, went forward against Maru swung across the line and was bowled. Harper then joined Capel and they added 121 in 37 overs.

Harper early on pulled Maru for six into the players' car park which probably made him unpopular in both camps. He continued to hit the ball forcefully without taking any risks.

The turnabout began when Capel played a forceful stroke on the back foot and was caught low at cover. Capel had been in 68 over and redeeed a moderate season with a chanceless display of character and determination. Harper, who finished with four sixes and eight fours, drove a high catch to long on. Hampshire achieved their prime objective at this stage.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

*G Cook b Maru	73
W Larkins c Sub B Andrew	0
R J Boyd-Moss c Teery b Marshall	10
A J Lamb C Parks b Marshall	0
R J Bailey c Terry b Marshall	0
D J Wild b Marshall	17
D J Capel c Greenidge b Tremlett	81
R A Harper c Terry b Tremlett	76
†D Ripley not out	13
N A Mallender c Terry b Tremlett	4
B J Griffiths c R A Smith b Tremlett	12
Extras (b 2, l-b 4, w 7, n-b 5)	18
Total	304

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-30, 3-30, 4-30, 5-61, 6-147, 7-268, 8-275, 9-280, 10-304.

Score at 100 over: 300 for 9

Bowling: Marshall 28-6-75-4, Andrew 18-5-73-1, Tremlett 24.4-11-53-4; Maru 32-11-88-1; Nicholas 3-0-9-0.

Bonus points: Hampshire 8, Northamptonshire 7

Umpires: K J Lyons and D O Oslear

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 300 for 8 dec (C G Greenidge 143, B J Griffiths 4 for 64).
Second Innings

C G Greenidge not out	50
V P Terry not out	16
Extras (l-b 1, n-b 2)	3
Total (no wicket)	69

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AT SCARBOROUGH

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 262 (G Boycott 76; R J Hadlee 4 for 52, E E Hemmings 4 for 95)
Second Innings

G Boycott not out	58
M D Moxon not out	50
Extras (l-b 2, n-b 3)	5
Total (no wkt)	113

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad c and b Fletcher	50
R T Robinson st Bairstow b Carrick	118
D W Randall b Fletcher	0
*C E B Rice c Carrick b Shaw	39
D J R Martindale l-b-w b Carrick	4
R J Hadlee not out	73
†B N French not out	5
Extras (b 1, l-b 6, w 1, n-b 4)	12
Total (5 wkts dec)	301

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-93, 2-98, 3-188, 4-178, 5-286

BOWLING: Fletcher 18-4-50-2, P J Hartley 16-2-50-0, Carrick 40-14-106-2; Swallow 15-3-40-0; Shaw 11-2-88-1

Bonus points: Yorkshire 5, Nottinghamshire 8.

Umpires: J W Holder and A A Jones

Asif Din

Asif Din made his highest score for two seasons, 87 not out, to rescue Warwickshire from the possibility of a two-day defeat against Derbyshire at Chesterfield. From 60 four Warwickshire recovered to 209 for five.

Somerset v Worcs.

at Taunton

SOMERSET: First Innings 280 (PM), Roebuck 85, V J Marks 82, I V A Richards 52, N V Radford 4 for 59

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T S Curtis c Roebuck b Coombs	83
D B D Oliveira c Gard b Coombs	113
G A Hick c Dredge b Coombs	38
D M Smith c Harden b Garner	61
*P A Neale b Coombs	9
D N Patel c Richards b Dredge	41
M J Weston c Wyatt b Marks	40
S J Rhodes not out	33
N V Radford not out	10
Extras (b 13, l-b 11, w 1, n-b 13)	38
Total (7 wkts)	466

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-197, 2-233, 3-271, 4-284, 5-380, 6-383, 7-446.

Score at 100 overs: 311 for 4.

Bonus points: Somerset 4, Worcestershire 8.

Derbyshire v Warwicks

AT CHESTERFIELD

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 354 for 9 dec (J E Morris 109 not out, A M Brown 74, M A Holding 62; S Wall 4 for 88, P A Smith 4 for 121).

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

R I H B Dyer c Anderson b Mortensen	5
T A Lloyd c Barnett b Holding	11
A I Kallicharran c Sharma b Holding	11
D L Amiss c Sharma b Holding	3
†G W Humpage c Marples b Finney	2
Asif Din l-b-w b Holding	44
P A Smith c Brown b Finney	2
A M Ferreira l-b-w b Finney	0
G C Small c Marples b Newman	25
S Wall not out	9
*N Gifford c Marples b Newman	4
Extras (b 4, n-b 7)	11
Total (43.5 overs)	123

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-25, 3-28, 4-31, 5-36, 6-44, 7-44, 8-105, 9-111, 10-123.

BOWLING: Holding 16-5-28-4, Mortensen 9-2-13-1, Newman 12.5-1-52-2; Finney 6-1-26-3

Second Innings

R I H B Dyer l-b-w b Finney	27
T A Lloyd c Marples b Holding	0
A I Kallicharran c Finney b Holding	0
D L Amiss l-b-w b Mortensen	16
†G W Humpage c Sub b Holding	36
Asif Din not out	87
P A Smith not out	30
Extras (b 2, n-b 11)	13
Total (5 wkts)	209

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-0, 3-33, 4-60, 5-148

Robinson goes for Scarborough fare

The runs flowed at Taunton yesterday, 466 for the loss of seven wickets, and for once neither Richards nor Botham made any of them (Ivo Tennant writes). Worcestershire it was who batted all day, ending it with a lead of 186 over Somerset.

D'Oliveira and Curtis gave Worcestershire their best opening stand of the season – 197. The former scored a century with 16 fours and two sixties, and Curtis made 83 hitting 13 boundaries. Smith and Patel ensured the tempo did not drop and near the close Weston and Rhodes added 63 in 13 overs. Coombs, a left-arm spinner playing his second championship match, slowed the scoring rate to an extent and took four wickets.

At Scarborough, Roginson scored his sixth century of the summer and in so doing passed 1,000 runs for the season for Nottinghamshire. His 118 was made off 283 balls with 17 fours. Rice and Hadlee also batted effectively.

However, before bad light brought play to a premature close, Boycott, Robinson's alter-ego, made his second half-century of the match and with Moxon put on 113 for Yorkshire's wicket. Moxon also reached a half-century. The pair are not yet parted and Yorkshire are 74 runs to the good.

SKIING Thomas Cook are to provide £50,000 sponsorship towards promoting UK events, staging ski 'clinics' for younger skiers, and helping the British team in international competition.

SHOW-JUMPING: Paul Schockenmoehle of West Germany and Nick Skelton of Britain won the two international class events at the Masters tournament in Calgary.

Holders have to travel

Essex, the NatWest Trophy holders, will have to play their first two ties next season away from their Chelmsford ground. In the opening round they meet Northumberland and, assuming they get through, they will face either Durham or Warwickshire.

Nottinghamshire, the beaten finalists, start off with a match against Devon. The only tie between first-class counties in the first round is that in which Northamptonshire play Middlesex. The first round will be played on June 25 and the second on July 9

DRAW: First round: Northamptonshire v Middlesex, Berkeley v Gloucestershire, Staffordshire v Glamorgan, Lancashire v Cumberland, Derbyshire v Cornwall, Hampshire v Hertfordshire, Warwickshire v Durham, Scotland v Kent, Northumberland v Essex, Cheshire v Surrey, Somerset v Dorset, Devon v Nottinghamshire, Yorkshire v Cambridgeshire, Sussex v Suffolk, Worcestershire v Oxfordshire, Leicestershire v Ireland.
Second round: Hampshire or Hertfordshire v Worcestershire or Oxfordshire; Somerset or Dorset v Lancashire or Cumberland; Berkshire or Gloucestershire v Leicestershire or Ireland; Devon or Nottinghamshire v Scotland or Kent; Sussex or Suffolk v Staffordshire or Glamorgan; Warwickshire or Durham v Northumberland or Essex; Derbyshire or Cornwall v Cheshire or Surrey; Yorkshire or Cambridgeshire v Northamptonshire or Middlesex.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

NANKING: International meeting: Winners: 110 metre hurdles: J Ridgeon (GB) 13.88sec. 400 metres: D Redmond (GB) 45.89; 1,500metres: M Rowland (GB) 3:52.59; Discus: A Wagner (WG) 61.68 metres; 100 metres: L Asquith (GB) 10.45; Long jump: Chen Zunrong (China) 7.88m. Pole vault: S Victor (USSR) 5.30m; Hammer: H Weiss (WG) 75.64m; 3,000 metre steeplechase: D Aptlet (GB) 8:57.34; 400 metre hurdles: T Futterknecht (Austria) 50.03. 200 metres: Michel St Louis 21.03; 800 metres: J Gladwin (GB) 1:48.42; Shot: B Knesler (WG) 19.04m; Triple jump: V Chernyshov (USSR) 16.94m; 5,000 metres: Zhang Guowei (China) 13:58.45; Javelin: M Hill (GB) 79.72m; High jump: S Malchenko (USSR) 2.23m; Women: 100 metres: H Gaugel (WG) 11.40; Shot put: Li Meisu (China) 18.04m; 400 metres: Li Dazuu (China) 54.77; High jump: H Fukumitsu (Japan) 1.85, 1,500 metres: Tauber (EG) 4:19.68; 100 metre hurdles: Liu Huajin (China) 13.32; Javelin: A Zeolikau (EG) 64.50m; 200 metres: A Bersch (WG) 23.32; Discus: Li Xiaonui (China) 56.20m; 800 metres: N Chtereva (Bul) 2:04.93; 3,000 metres: Li Xiuda (China) 9:29.31; Long jump: Bozanova (Bul) 6.59m.

ALMA ATA: Soviet championships: Winners: Men: 110m hurdles: S Strelchenko 13.5 sec. 800m: Y Shankarnan, 1 min 49.8 sec. Women: 100m: V Ikaunyetse 11.27 sec. 800m: N Rugayeva, 1 min 59.8 sec. Long jump: Y Kokonova, 7.31m (national record).

BADMINTON

IPOH, Malaysian masters: preliminary round: Men's singles: Blue group: M Frost (Den) bt Ong Beng Teong (Mal) 15-10, 15-2; Sung Han Kook (S Kor) bt Sompol Kukasemkij (Thai) 15-5, 15-7. Green group: Misbun Sidek (Mal) bt P Padukone (India) 15-11, 15-1. Yellow group: Yang Yang (China) bt J P Nierhoff (Den) 15-7, 15-1. Red group: Han Jian (China) bt E Kurniawan (Indo) 15-12, 10-15, 15-11; N Yates (Eng) bt Foo Kok Keong (Mal) 15-8, 15-2. Women's singles: Blue group: Han Aiping (China) bt Li Lingwei (China) 11-8, 6-11, 11-3; Kim Yun Ja (S Kor) bt C Magnusson (Swe) 11-5, 11-7. Red group: Wu Jianqiu (China) bt H Troke (Eng) 4-11, 11-8, 11-7

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Police Championship: Smallbore Rifle (Dewar): 1, P Hatton (Lancs) 783 pts; 2, E Williams (W Midlands) 781; 3, A Green (Met) 780. Smallbore Rifle (English Match): 1, G Patridge (W Midlands) 593; 2, Hatton, 591; 3, Green, 591 (after countback). Air Rifle: 1, J Armstrong (Cleveland) 541; 2, G Mortimer (Met) 536. Pistol (Centre Fire): 1, J Toflan (Strathclyde) 570; 2, I Palmer (Cambs) 568; 3, B Clues (Northumbria) 563. Air Pistol: 1, N Garrett (Met) 560; 2, T Oldroyd (W Yorks) 557; 3, Toflan, 555. Free Pistol: 1, Garrett, 522; 2, R Duckworth (W Yorks) 521; 3, Oldroyd, 519.

SNOOKER

DERBY: Goya Matchroom Trophy: (GB unless otherwise stated): First round: D Hughes bt A Kearney 5-1; G Crispey b B Bennett 5-3. Second round: M Gibson bt P Francisco (SA) 5-4; B Mikkelsen (Can) bt M Fisher 5-3; P Fagan bt D Mienie (SA) 5-4; W King (Aust) bt J Caggianello (Can) 5-0; R Bales bt R Edmonds 5-0; G Miles bt O'Boye 5-2; R Chaperon (Can) bt D Chalmers 5-2; J Fitzmaurice bt M Watterson 5-2; A Chappel bt J Meadowcroft 5-2; C Roscoe bt G Foulds 5-3; J Bear (Can) bt J Donnelly 5-2; M Bradley bt J Rea 5-1; T Jones bt B Kelly 5-3; I Williamson bt J McLaughlin 5-3; E McLaughlin bt S Hendry 5-3; L Dodd bt A Sim-Ngam (Thai) 5-4

S Longworth bt G Wilkinson 5-0; E Sinclair bt M Darrington 5-0; J Wych bt J Rempe (USA) 5-1; M Morra (Canada) bt B Oliver 5-1; D Fowler bt O Agrawal (India) 5-2; J Dunning bt C Everton 5-2; G Scott bt J van Rensburg (SA) 5-4; S Duggan bt F Davis 5-1; I Black bt G Rigitano (Can) 5-4; S Newbury bt F Jonik (Can) 5-4; R Foldvari (Aus) bt V Harris 5-4; J Dunning bt C Everton 5-2; G Cripsey bt P Medati 5-2.

BASKETBALL

WOMEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Group A (in Vicenza): Bulgaria 60, France 44; Czechoslovakia 82, Yugoslavia 79; Netherlands 71, Romania 60. Group B (in Treviso): Soviet Union 77, Poland 51; Hungary 61, Italy 51, Spain 84, Belgium 51

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Sale 10, Orrell 0.

SQUASH RACKETS

HONGKONG: Open Championship: Second round: D Lee (Eng) bt Qamar Zaman (Pak) 9-3, 9-1; S Bowditch (Aus) bt G Brumby (Aus) 5-9, 1-9, 9-7, 9-2, 10-8; K Smith (Aus) bt U Lagunoff (Swe) 9-1, 5-9, 10-9, 10-9; D Williams (Aus) bt Umar Hayat Khan (Pak) 9-2, 6-9, 9-3, 9-2; J-U Soderberg (Swe) bt M Bocimeade (Eng) 9-2, 9-6, 2-9, 9-3; C Robertson (Aus) bt Sohail Qaisir (Pak) 9-3, 3-9, 8-10, 9-1, 9-2; P Kenyon (Eng) bt F Johnson (Swe) 9-1, 9-0, 9-5; Han Jian (China) bt E Kuniawan (Indon) 15-12, 10-15, 15-11; N Yates (Eng) bt Foo Kok Keong (Mal) 15-8, 15-2; Yang Yang (China) bt J P Nierhoff (Den) 15-7, 15-1. Women's Doubles: N Perry and G Gilks (Eng) bt Dixi Lin Ying (China) 15-10, 15-4. Mixed Doubles: C Magnusson and K Khilstrom (Swe) bt G Gilks and M Dew (Eng) 17-15, 15-2; N. Perry and S Fladberg (Eng/Den) bt M Bengtsson and S Karlsson (Swe) 15-11, 15-7.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: Kansas City Royals 2, California Angels 1; Toronto Blue Jays 3, Detroit Tigers 2; Milwaukee Brewers 4, New York Yankees 3; Boston Red Sox 4, Baltimore Orioles 1; Texas Rangers 6, Oakland Athletics 3; Chicago White Sox 5, Minnesota Twins 0; Seattle Mariners 9, Cleveland Indians 5. National League: St Louis Cardinals 1, New York Mets 0; Los Angeles Dodgers 12, Atlanta Braves 3; Cincinnati Reds 2, San Diego Padres 0; Philadelpia Phillies 4, Montreal Expos 1; Chicago Cubs 3, Pettsburgh Pirates 1; San Francisco Giants 11, Houston Astros 4 and 9-10.

FOOTBALL

HUNGARIAN LEAGUE: Siofok 2, Ferencvaros 0; Honved Budapest 2, Szombathely 1; Debrecen 0, Volan 0; Bekescsaba 3, Tatabanya 1; Pecs 2, MTK VM 0; Csepel 2, Raba ETO Gyor 0; Vasas Budapest 0, Videoton 0, Ujpest Dozsa 1, Zalaegerszeg 1. **CZECHOSLOVAK LEAGUE:** Bohemians Prague 2, Sparta Prague 1; Lokomotiv Kosice 3, Inter Bratislava 0; Tatran Presov 1, Dukla Banska Bystrica 1; ZVL Zilina 2, Dynamo Ceske Budejovice 0; Sigma Olomouc 4, Dunajska Streda 0; Spartak Trnava 1, RH Cheb 3; Dukla Prague 5, Slavia Prague 1; YJ Vitkovice 2, Banik Ostrava 1. **MULTIPART LEAGUE:** Macclesfield 0, Mossley 1

VOLLEYBALL

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS: Men: Group A (in Bologna): Italy bt Argentina 15-5, 15-10, 15-9; China bt Egypt 15-2, 15-3, 15-9. Group B (in Naples): Cuba bt France 15-7, 15-6, 15-9; Soviet Union bt Saudi Arabia 15-6, 15-4, 15-8. Group C (in Bergamo): Netherlands bt Tunisia 15-3, 15-6, 15-8; South Korea bt Chile 15-3, 15-4, 15-2. Group D (in Chieti): Japan bt Mexico 15-6, 15-14, 15-5. Women: Group A (in Perugia): Mexico bt New Zealand 15-9, 15-6, 15-6; Japan bt Bulgaria 15-9, 15-6, 15-6. Group B (in Fabriano): Soviet Union bt Australia 15-13, 15-6, 15-2; Brazil bt Austria 15-7, 15-0, 15-2. Group C (in Reggio Calabria): Italy bt Finland 15-2, 15-7, 15-6; China bt Peru 15-4, 15-10, 15-8. Group D (in Brescia): South Korea bt Czechoslovakia 15-13, 15-5, 15-6.

TENNIS

STUTTGART: Second round: T Smid (Cz) bt H de la Pena (Arg) 6-4, 6-4; Agenor (Haiti) bt J Higueras (Sp) 6-3, 6-3; I Lendl (Cz) bt V Amritraj (India) 6-3, 5-2; U Riglewski (WG) bt H Schwaier (WG) 6-2, 6-2; B Gilbert (US) bt J Aguilera (Sp) 7-6, 6-3; J Gunnarsson (Swe) bt M Westphal (WG) 7-5, 4-6, 6-2.

SALT LAKE CITY: Virginia slims tournament: second round (US unless stated): P Fendick bt L Bonder 6-4, 4-6, 7-6; S Rehe bt M Lindstrom (Swe) 6-2, 6-3; L Gildemeister (Peru) bt V Nelson 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; C Kuhlman bt A Betzner (WG) 6-2, 7-6; C Benjamin bt Holton 6-1, 6-4.

PALERMO: Sicilian International championship: Second round: J Nystrom (Swe) bt J Bardou (Sp), 6-1, 6-0; T Tulasne (Fr) bt F Luna (Sp), 7-4, 6-4; R Arguello (Arg) bt B Oresar (Yug), 6-2, 5-7, 6-1; C Pistolesi (It) bt S Casal (Sp), 7-6, 6-4; T Muster (Austria) bt F Maciel (Mex), 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

ICE HOCKEY

BRNO, Czechoslovakia: Czechoslovakia 2, Soviet Union 3.

SPEEDWAY

KNOCKOUT CUP: Semi-final: First leg: Cradley Heath 36, Ipswich 42.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Long Eaton 43, Eastbourne 35; Wimbledon 43, Birmingham 35.

IN BRIEF

Ovett declares himself fit to take on Cram

Steve Ovett is fit to take on Steve Cram in the Peugeot Talbot Westminster Mile through the streets of London on Sunday. It will be the first time they have met since last summer's Olympic Games, and it Ovett's first race since he finished ninth over 1,500 metres in Brussels two weeks ago.

● Velena Kokonova, set a national record of 7.31 metres for the women's long jump in the Soviet championships. It was three centimetres further than the old record held by Irena Shestikova.

BADMINTON: Andy Goode may have a chance to avenge his defeat by Steve Baddeley in the English National final last year when a new team challenge tournament begins later this month. Both players are among eight competitors for the Norwich Building Society team challenge at seven venues around England. Teams will be selected from:

MEN: S Baddeley (Sussex), A Goode (Herts), M Tredgett (Glos), N Yates (Kent).
WOMEN: G Gilks (Middx), N Perry (Essex), J Sutton (Suffolk), H Troke (Hants).
DATES: September 29 (Newcastle), October 2 (Newmarket), November 25 (Worcester), November 28 (Woking, February 12 (Wigan), February 25 (Grimsby), March 2 (Norwich).

TENNIS: The Royal Bank of Scotland are to provide £90,000 sponsorship towards the Lta's junior winter series over the next three years.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Alarm signals over television negotiations for 1988

From David Miller, Lausanne

The future stability of the finances of the Olympic Games was hanging in the balance here yesterday evening as negotiations on the United States television rights contract for 1988 found the three major television companies playing shy. The International Olympic Committee knew they had to achieve a contract which will protect television's future commitment without which no city can afford the Games.

Blank screens, as in the present English football impasse, would be disastrous, and the IOC were last night refusing to put presure on the television executives. To the embarrassment of the Seoul organizing committee there was at least a £100 million gap between their expectations and, I understand, the kind of bids being separately tendered by ABC, NBC and CBS. Talks continued until late eveing as the Koreans tried to find an acceptable compromise figure and television held its ground.

Repeatedly the Korean representatives broke off for separate discussions and calls to their President, Tae Woo Roh in Seoul, where it was way past midnight. The probability seemed to be that Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, would today be unable to announce the signing of the contract. The Koreans were presing the IOC not to accept less than £550 million, while television estimated, I believe, that the deal is worth no more than £425 million.

Richard Pound, the Canadian member of the IOC executive, had established the formalities of the discussions to exclude Barry Frank, the International Management Group adviser to Seoul. On one side of the table sat the IOC and Koreans on the other, in turn the three television companies. Frank together with legal advisers sat at an adjacent table.

Between lunch and dinner the Koreans had been unable to agree with the IOC on a reaction to the offers received.

Representing the IOC were Pound Lance Cross, of New Zealand, and the chief administrator, Raymond Gafney. The worried leader of the Koreans was Dr Un Yong Kim, vice president of the organizing committee and president of the International Taekwondo Federation.

GOLF

England are in the driving seat

By Keith Macklin

England are poised to retain the men's Home International championship today. In a splendidly fought match, they beat Scotland 8-7 at Formby, with the fascinating afternoon singles ending all-square at 5-5. Wales convincingly beat Ireland 9½-5½, when Ireland were dreaming of taking the championship.

A surperb 30-foot putt by Walls at the 17th green in the final singles match beat Stephen. Walls had been struggling but drew level and then recorded an eagle three against Stephen's birdie four.

The ebullience of the Irish team was yesterday replaced by numbed shock in the morning foursome against Wales. Having trounced Scotland on Wednesday, Ireland were in a mood to demolish Wales, but were beaten 4-1 in a remarkable reversal of form, England maintained their strong drive towards a second sucessive championship by beating Scotland 3-2.

The unexpected defeat for Ireland was attributed in their own camp to various reasons. Some blamed it on over-confidence after the victory over Scotland; others paid gracious tribute to the coolness and skill of the Welsh team. Typical of the Irish display was the failure of McHenry and Murphy to beat J R Jones and H O Jones when they were two up with three to play. The Joneses had two birdies and a par to win the last three holes.

England were again given a good start by Baker and McEvoy, and Hawksworth holed a long chip on the 17th to take him and Gilford through against MacGregor and Walker. However, there were big defeats for Winchester and Roper against Brooks and Thomson and for George and Walls against Brotherston and Stephen.

Foursomes

England bt Scotland 3-2 (English names first): P Baker and P McEvoy bt D Carrick and C Montgomerie, 3 and 2; D Gilford and J Hawksworth bt G MacGregor and K Walker, 2 and 1, R Winchester and R Roper lost to C Brooks and J Thomson, 6 and 5; M Davis and C Laurence bt C Bloice and D James, 2 and 1; F George and M Walls lost to I Brotherston and S Stephen, 6 and 5

Wales bt Ireland 4-1 (Irish names first): G McGimpsey and L Macnamara bt A Llyr and D McLean, 2 and 1, N Anderson and E O'Connell lost to M A Macara and D K Wood, 5 and 4; A Pierse and P Hogan lost to H J Evans and S C Dodd 4 and 3; J McHenry and P Murphy lost to J R Jones and E O Jones, 1 hole; T Cleary and P O Rourke lost to K H Williams and S P Jones, 2 and 1

Singles

England drew 5-5 with Scotland (English names first): R Winchester lost to D Carrick, 2 and 1, J Hawksworth bt G Montgomerie, 4 and 3, D Gilford lost to G MacGregor, 3 and 2; P McEvoy bt C Brooks, 4 and 3; P Baker lost to K Walker, 1 hole, C Laurence lost to J Thomson, 1 hole; G Homewood lost to E Wilson, 5 and 4; F George lost to C Bloice, 2 up; M Davis bt D James, 2 and 1, M P D Walls bt S Stephen, 1 up

Wales beat Ireland 5½-4½ (Irish names first): G McGimpsey bt E O Jones, 3 and 2; N Anderson lost to J R Jones, 2 and 1; A Pierse halved with D K Wood; J McHenry lost to M A Macara; 3 and 2; L Macnamara bt K H Williams, 2 and 1; E O Connell lost to H J Evans, 2 and 1, D O'Sullivan lost to S C Dodd, 2 and 1, P O'Rourke bt A Llyr, 2 and 1; P Murphy bt D McLean, 3 and 2; T Cleary lost to S P Jones, 2 and 1

RUGBY UNION

London examination of state of the game

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The London Division, as part of their 75th birthday celebrations, are to hold a seminar later this month to examine the state of rugby football at all levels. It promises the kind of programme, over a two-day residential course, much of which should be second nature to leading clubs up and down the country, but transparently is not.

If more clubs sat down and looked at themselves, warts and all, rather than spending large sums of money on somewhat grandiose tours because that is what they are now expected to do, the end result for the standard of English rugby might be much better London, believing, not unreasonably, that their major clubs are failing to produce the required goods are hoping that some long-term benefit will come of thier seminar.

It will be held at the Royal Holloway College, Egham, from September 20 to 22, and was planned by David Shaw, the division's technical administrator before his transfer to the Northern Division last month. "The aim is to get representatives from as many clubs in the London Division as possible and stimulate their thoughts," Shaw said.

Delegates will be asked to consider developments both on and off the field and the programme will include filmed interviews with Bill Freeman, director of New Zealand coaching, Alan Jones, Australia's coach, and a South African representative about the organization of the game in their respective countries.

Broader though its boundaries are, the seminar reflects in part the Midland Division coaching conference held at Lilleshall earlier in the summer. One of the conclusions of that conference was that over the last 10 years other countries have done exactly what the British did in the late 60s, that is learned from outside, and have continued to improve.

It was felt that any new initiative must come from a change in the structure of the game, particularly England, and also from the players themselves with a change in attitude towards their responsibilities to fitness and performance.

Parochial feud with a twist in the tale

By Gerald Davies

No rugby season could be considered to have started properly in Wales without one club having to resolve a tiff with another. All the better that it should be held in public so that, like everyone should know that the clubs will not be trifled with. It is all very parochial and, like a feud among blood relation, it can be a sign of strength as well as a source of weakness. This season it is not the small fry who are arguing, but Llanelli and Cardiff, no less.

Since playing each other in last season's cup final they have been squabbling over the matter of an outstanding fixture left over from the early, snow-bound part of the year. The postponed France-Wales international match was rearranged on the Saturday when the clubs were due to meet and no club game, however important, is a match for an international. No other date could be found in the congested fixture list and do the Welsh Rugby Union (WRY) extend the season into May so that the clubs could fulfill their fixtures.

The Cardiff committee, for their part, felt that the season had been long enough as it was for the players and, provided they were able to get agreement from the other clubs, would not take advantage of the extension. Five of the unplayed eight matches were at home and even though they considered their obligations to their own membership, they called these off. The three away matches involved Bath, Newport and Llanelli.

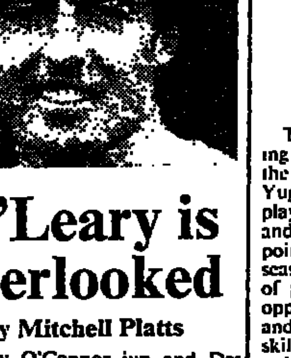
Llanelli failed to turn up at a meeting arranged to discuss the matter, but the other two agreed amicably to Cardiff's proposal. The west Wales club however wanted the game to be played during the extension period. Cardiff argued that since they would play each other in the cup final, the extra match would prove a meaningless anti-climax.

Llanelli, who argued that they had complied quite happily a few years ago with a similar request from Cardiff, have now suggested that they should play each other three times this season, twice at Stradey. Cardiff disagree, and there the matter now rests.

Those on the sidelines might easily conclude from all this that when it comes to exacting a bond even Shylock would have a thing or two to learn from such a squabble. No blood has been spilt yet, but the ultimate sanction – calling off fixtures – has been threatened. But bearing in mind who the clubs are and the standing they have in Welsh rugby, no one in his right mind can take this at all seriously.

Llanelli will play 55 matches this season and one of their own coaches, Allan Lewis, has already stated that the club is committed to too many games.

An added twist is that the Llanille fixture secretary, caught in the middle in having to carry out the wishes of his committee in this respect, is Mohn McLean, who as a signatory to the WRU investigative committee, recommended that clubs should restrict the number of games they play in a season. This particular incident goes some way to highlight the dificulty that exists in implementing the main recommendations of that committee, which expresses the need to restructure the game in Wales. To get that will need the agreement of all the clubs.



O'Leary is overlooked

By Mitchell Platts

Christy O'Connor jun and Des Smyth in Ireland's team for the £1 million Dunhill Cup at St Andrews from October 17 to 20. Feherty's inclusion surprised John O'Leary who understood that the would be playing, having finished runner-up in the European Open which ended on September 1. Feherty however, leap-frogged O'Leary in the European order of merit by finishing joint second in the European Masters in Switerland last week. O'Leary said: "Officials suggested to me that I would be in the team as they understood selection would take place following the European Open. I'm stunned and David will be equally surprised. I shared a flat with him during the European Masters last week and he had no thoutghts of playing."

The teams for the Dunhill Cup are selected by an international advisory panel consisting of officials from several countries and including the PGA Euoropean Tour executive director Ken Schofield. A Dunhill spokesman said: "Various orders of merit are used as a guide but players performances over the year are clearly taken into account. In Ireland's situation I think somebody said their team would not be decided before the European Open which is different than saying after it."

Gordon Brand jun will join Sandy Lyle and Sam Torrance in the Scotland team and Howard Clark will play for England alongside Nck Faldo and Paul Way. David Llewelyn, Philip Parkin and Ian Woosnam form the Wales team.

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Tour puts Eltham on the road to success

Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

Those hardenned and enterprising tourists, **Eltham College** under the coach John Linscott, toured Yugoslavia in the late summer, playing and winning four matches and, in the process, scoring 147 points to 16 conceded. The home season had not started so some lack of preparation was evident in the opposition, who were large strong and fit, though not particularly skilful.

Lawrence O'Leary, captain for the second year, had a magnificent tour at stand-off half, scoring 60 points, including five tries, and Andrea Devaux, a fast and promising right wing, contriibuted six tries.

John Linscott was especially encouraged by the showing of his pack, which managed both to attack effectively and provide the backs with good possession. It will be surprising if Eltham do not enjoy a successful domestic season.

The Leys School, coached by the Cambridge Blue, Austin Jessup, enjoyed an equally adventurous tour to Australia. He writes: "We played well in small bursts in each game, got on top and then relaxed. This is fatal against Australians who never give up!

It was good to hear him speak highly of the standard of refereeing which contributed significantly to the quality of play. The captain, John White, scored 10 tries on he tour and scrum half Sid Taylor, six.

TOUR RESULTS (English schools results first): Eltham College: V Sinj RFC, 34-7; v Nada 32-3; v Energoinvest RFC 48-0; v A County XV 33-6. The Leys: v Western Australian Schools 16-16; v Brisbane GS 25-20; v Rockhampton GS 9-11; v Newington College 26-8; v The Kings School, Parramatta 17-10; v The Scotts School 12-13; v Canberra GS 23-14.

● Fifteen-a-side schools festivals wile held at Hull University tomorrow and Sunday and at Douai School, near Reading on Sunday.

DOUAI FESTIVAL: Group A: Douai, Christ's Hospital, Taunton, stowe; Group B: B. St Edmund's, Downside, Epsom, Millhill; Group C: Aylesbury, St John's Sherborne, Latymer; Group D: Berkhamsted, Cranleigh, Bryanstone, King's Taunton.

YACHTING

Davidson sails ahead

By John Nicholls

Jonas Davidson (Sweden) and Gilles Calvet (France) were the winners of the heavyweight and lightweight men's races that were sailed in the board sailing world championships at Paignton yesterday.

The women failed to get afloat for the fourth day in succession and must be disappointed that their championship is so behind schedule. After six days, all three divisions should have completed six races, but all that has been possible so far in a largely windless Torbay is three races for the men and two for the women.

The women are unlucky that they have to race on whichever men's course is clear first, when racing is postponed for several hours, as it was yesterday there simply is not time left to fit them in.

There were many place changes in the considerable wind shifts yesterday. Davidson, for example, was out of the leading group in the heavyweight class until the final round, when he suddenly burst into the lead for a comfortable win. He now leads overall on points from Gildas Guillerot (France) while in the lightweight class, Jean-Pierre Kelbert finished second in the race to Calvet but still leads his fellow Frenchman on overall points.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS: third races, heavyweight: 1, J Davidson (Swe); 2, B Ebyl (Austria); 3, M Reitsema (Neth); 4, D Puh (Yugo); 5, G Guilerot (Fr). Lightweights: 1, G Calvet (Fr); 2, J P Kelbert (Fr); 3, R Nagy (Fr); 4, M Pirinoli (Fr); 5, A Da Lima (Port).

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GOLF: OPENING DAY OF THE RYDER CUP AT THE BELFRY

Gee-up from Jacklin: Europe's captain with Bernhard Langer (right) and his caddie yesterday (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

The shot that changed Wadkins

By Mitchell Platts

The Bell's Scotch Ryder Cup, which starts at The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, this morning, promises to be an enthralling confrontation, with Europe's prospects of victory possibly hinging on the form of the Americans, Ray Floyd and Lanny Wadkins.

Statistics underline the immense Ryder Cup experiense of Floyd and Wadkins compared with that of their compatriots. Between them, they have fought for 31 points, whereas four of the Americans are newcomers and the remaining seven have challenged for only 32 points between them.

Moreover it was Wadkins who audaciously rescued his team two years ago from the embarrassing prospect of a first defeat on American soil, when he recovered from three down to halve with Jose-Maria Cañizares, with a 70-yard pitch to 15 inches on the 18th green.

It was a shhot of such stuning brilliance that Jack Nicklaus, then the United States captain, uncharacteristically jumped for joy then kissed the ground as the possibility of defeat evaporated into the steamy Florida air. Wadkins has since won tournaments by recalling how he executed that shot under such exacting conditions.

He says: "It was the most pressure that I have ever felt in making one shot. I've got a lot of satisfaction since by knowing that I can handle that kind of pressure, knowing that your gut holds up and your swing holds up."

Wadkins and Floyd have also dispelled the myth portrayed by weekly events on the US Tour, that American golfers are hardened individuals who so prefer their own company that dovetailing together as a team is a complex operation.

Floyd says: "For me the Ryder Cup is the ultimate because you are representing your country. A lot of people come out and say that this is just a nice week off from the tour – that's not true. It's an exciting, challenging week which breeds camaraderie, as for once the players are actually pulling for each other."

It hurt Floyd that he lost all his four matches at the PGA National course, Palm Beach Gardens, two years ago, but he was also disappointed by certain events at Walton Heath in 1981 during a match that he won with Bill Rogers against Sandy Lyle and Mark James.

At one stage the ball disappeared into the crowd, then it rolled back into play. Although an eye-witness reported that it had bounced back off a spectator. Floyd says: "It was quite a few seconds before the ball came back. That kind of thing shocks you."

Tony Jacklin, the European captain, is obviously hoping that his team will be propelled by a wave of emotion, so that the American suffer their first defeat since that euphoric afternoon at Lindrick in 1957 when Christy O'Connor, Eric Brown, Peter Mills, Bernard Hunt, Ken Bousfield and Dai Rees scored resounding victories.

Jacklin, however, says: "The right spirit must exist all weekend. It's very easy, with the players and the galleries overexcited, for unsportsmanlike gestures and suchlike to occur and I would hate that. It's not World War Three, it's golf and if the game doesn't benefit by the demeanour of the matches then nothing will have been achieved."

Lee Trevino, the US captain, supports that view but, like Jacklin, he is equally concerned that on Sunday evening he is not called upon to give the losing captain's speech. That possibility might have frightened even Nicklaus, who recently said: "The American team is going to have its hands full – if they come out of there winning we'll be lucky."

The thought of winning might be an other decisive factor, because if the possibility emerges as the final series of 12 singles unfolds, then The Belfry will be no place for a week heart.

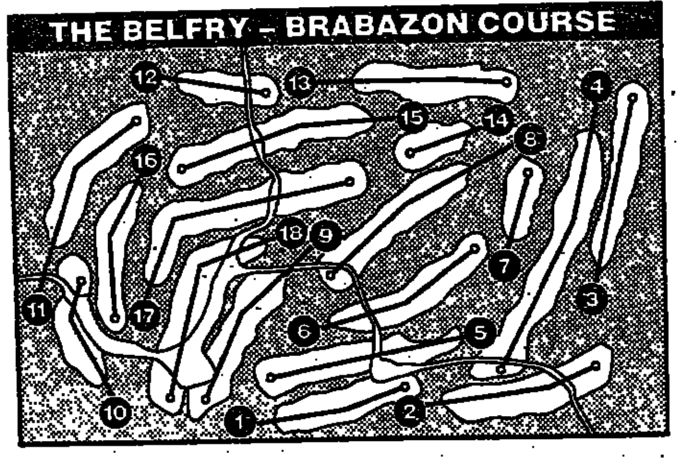
Piñero in late switch

The European captain, Tony Jacklin, made an eleventh hour switch by substituting Manuel Piñero for Jose Rivero as Severiano Ballesteros's partner in the opening foursome series this morning.

Jacklin said: "Jose was struggling with his driving. With four holes of the last practice round remaining, I took Manuel away from Jose-Maria Cañizares and I linked him with Seve. I had a feeling, I went right to it and they played the last four holes well. They know each other from past World Cup matches, and I owed it to the team to make a decision beneficial for us".

TODAY'S FOURSOMES: S Ballesteros and M Piñero v C Strange and Mr O'Meara; B Langer and N Faldo v C Peete and T Kite; A Lyle and K Brown v L Wadkins and R Floyd; H Clark and S Torrance v C Stadler and H Sutton.

THE BELFRY – BRABAZON COURSE



Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	418	4	10	275	4
2	349	4	11	420	4
3	465	4	12	235	3
4	579	5	13	394	4
5	398	4	14	194	3
6	396	4	15	550	5
7	183	3	16	410	4
8	460	4	17	575	5
9	400	4	18	474	4
Out	3 649	36	In	3 527	36

EUROPEAN TEAM

SEVERIANO BALLESTEROS
Born: Pedrena, Spain. Age: 28. Height: 6ft. Weight: 12st 9lb. European winnings in 1985: £62,592. Tournament victories in 1985: New Orleans Open, Carrolls Irish Open, French Open. Ryder Cup record: won 3, lost 5, halved two. Sharpest brain in the game. Improved driver, through better balance, with instinctive flair to execute remarkable shots. Twice Open champion, twice US Masters champion but still seeks first singles win in Ryder Cup.

KEN BROWN
Born: Harpenden, Herts. Age: 28. Height: 6ft 2in. Weight: 10st 7lb. European winnings in 1985: £36,721. Tournament victory in 1985: Four Stars pro-celebrity. Ryder Cup record: won 3, lost 5, halved none. Absorbed by US tour where he is convinced his game will improve. Recognized for super short game but now a much stronger player through the whole bag.

JOSE-MARIA CANIZARES
Born: Madrid, Spain. Age: 38. Height: 5ft 10in. Weight: 11st 9lbs. European winnings in 1985: £56,051. Tournament victories in 1985: none. Ryder Cup record: won 2, lost 3, halved 1. Twice helped Spain win World Cup. Remarkable record at the Belfry – only once out of top 10 in seven tournament appearances. A streak player, capable of stunning brilliance.

HOWARD CLARK
Born: Leeds. Age: 31. Height: 6ft 1in. Weight: 13st. European winnings in 1985: £70,208. Tournament victories in 1985: Jersey Open, Glasgow Open. Ryder Cup record: won 3, lost 5, halved none. Last Ryder Cup appearance, when he had a 4 and 3 win over Tom Watson in 1983, showed his determination. Strong, powerful player. Has deceptively delicate touch with the wedge.

NICK FALDO
Born: Welwyn Garden City, Herts. Age: 28. Height: 6ft 3in. Weight: 13st 7lb. European winnings in 1985: £18,960. Tournament victories in 1985: none. Ryder Cup record: won 11, lost 4, halved none. The most successful European golfer in the history of the match. A Jacklin selection on past rather than current form. Lean spell initially caused by a swing change.

BERNHARD LANGER
Born: Anhausen, West Germany. Age: 28. Height: 5ft 9in. Weight: 11st 2lb. European winnings in 1985: £115,716. Tournament victories in 1985: Australian Masters, US Masters, Sea Pines Heritage Classic, German Open, European Open. Ryder Cup record: won 5, lost 3, halved none. Suffered badly from the yips five years ago, but conquered his problem with determination and dedication.

SANDY LYLE
Born: Shrewsbury, Shropshire. Age: 27. Height: 6ft 1in. Weight: 13st 5lb. European winnings in 1985: £160,542. Tournament victories in 1985: Open championship, Benson and Hedges International. Ryder Cup record: won 3, lost 7, halved 1. In July became first Briton to win Open since Jacklin in 1969. Great power off tee.

MANUEL PIÑERO
Born: Badajoz, Spain. Age: 33. Height: 5ft 7in. Weight: 10st 3lb. European winnings in 1985: £51,809. Tournament victories in 1985: Madrid Open, Italian Open. Won a tournament at the Belfry in 1980. Ryder Cup record: won 2, lost 2, halved none. Has earned the reputation of enjoying demanding courses. Very accurate with long irons and sharp on and around the greens.

JOSE RIVERO
Born: Madrid. Age: 29. Height: 5ft 8in. Weight: 10st 10lb. European winnings in 1985: £35,751. Tournament victories in 1985: none. Ryder Cup record: first appearance. One of Jacklin's three selections. Showed his courage at The Belfry last year, holing a 10ft putt on the 18th green to win Lawrence Batley international by one shot.

SAM TORRANCE
Born: Largs, Scotland. Age: 32. Height: 5ft 11in. Weight: 13st 7lb. European winnings in 1985: £70,777. Tournament victory in 1985: Monte Carlo Open. Ryder Cup record: won 1, lost 5, halved 3. Won twice in 1976 then suffered poor run before returning to prominence with more mature approach in the 1980s. Strong driver, inspirational putter, and a marvellous worker of the ball.

PAUL WAY
Born: Kingsbury, Middlesex. Age: 22. Height: 5ft 8in. Weight: 11st. European winnings in 1985: £59,327. Tournament victory in 1985: Whyte and Mackay PGA Championship. Ryder Cup record: won 3, lost 1, halved 1. Benefited from partnering Ballesteros in 1983 Ryder Cup baptism. Record suggests he plays best under pressure, as when he beat Lyle in play-off for PGA title.

IAN WOOSNAM
Born: Oswestry, Shropshire. Age: 27. Height: 5ft 4½in. Weight: 10st 7lb. European winnings in 1985: £76,782. Tournament victories in 1985: none. Ryder Cup record: won 0, lost 2, halved 1. Equalled world record with eight successive birdies in Benson and Hedges International last round 62 last month. Fiery golfer with a solid, positive attitude. His powerful driving belies his size.

CAPTAIN

TONY JACKLIN
Born: Scunthorpe, S. Humberside. Age: 41. Height: 5ft 9½in. Weight: 12st. From selling newspapers outside the factory gates to make pocket money, to living in a £500,000 seven-bedroomed, six-bathroomed villa in southern Spain, golf turned "Jacko" into a superstar. His victories in the 1969 Open and 1970 US Open were the highspots among his 25 wins in 13 countries But "Jacko" in turn provided the impetus for the European tour to take off.

UNITED STATES TEAM

RAY FLOYD
Born: Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Age: 43. Height: 6ft 1in. Weight: 14st 4lb. US tour winnings in 1985: $378,989. Tournament victory in 1985: Houston Open. Ryder Cup record: Won 5, lost 11, halved 3. Back to best form after ending experiment with lightweight clubs. Vast experience a major asset, coupled with his cool approach.

HUBERT GREEN
Born: Birmingham, Alabama. Age: 38. Height: W6ft 1in. Weight: 12st 7lb. US tour winnings in 1985: $230,183. Tournament victory in 1985: US PGA championship. Ryder Cup record: won 3, lost 1, halved none. Rejuvenated by US PGA win following microscopic surgery on shoulder in 1983 when form declined. None too long off the tee, though a majestic manipulator of the ball.

PETER JACOBSEN
Born: Portland, Oregon. Age; 31. Height: 6ft 3in. Weight: 13st 8lb. US tour winnings in 1985: $197,399. Tournament victories in 1985: none. Ryder Cup record: first appearance. Personable, popular player who entertained Open spectators with a Twickenham-style tackle on 18th-hole streaker in July. Still improving golfer – he drives long and straight.

TOM KITE
Born: McKinney, Texas. Age: 35. Height: 5ft 8½in. Weight 11st 11lb. US tour winnings in 1985: $233,715. Tournament victory in 1985: Tournament of Champions. Ryder Cup record: won seven, lost two, halved two. Consistency is his trademark. Even so there are sudden, inexplicable lapses – he led the Open at Sandwich but took a six at the 10th in the last round.

ANDY NORTH
Born: Thorp, Wisconsin. Age: 35. Height 6ft 4 in. Weight 14st 4lb. US tour winnings in 1985: $207,268. Tournament victory in 1985: US Open. Ryder Cup record: first appearance. Career hampered by injury – he underwent operation to have bone spur removed in late 1983. Recovery completed with second US Open win this year. Good around the greens

MARK O'MEARA
Born: Goldsboro, North Carolina. Age: 28. Height: 6ft. Weight: 12st 7lb. US tour winnings for 1985: $316,015. Tournament victories in 1985: Bing Crosby Pro-am, Hawaiian Open. Ryder Cup record: first appearance. Shared third place in Open at Sandwich. Underlined there his intelligent course management.

CALVIN PEETE
Born: Detroit Michigan. Age: 42. Height: 5ft 10in. Weight 11st 11lb. US tour winnings in 1985: $368,539. Tournament victories in 1985: Phoenix Open, Tournament players championship. Ryder Cup record: won 2, lost 1, halved one. Spent childhood on Florida farm with 18 brothers and sisters. First swung club, aged 23, after learning through television that Nicklaus earned $200,000 a year.

CRAIG STADLER
Born: San Diego, Califona. Age: 32. Height: 5ft 10in. Weight 14st 4lb. US tour winnings in 1985 $283,826. Tounament victories in 1985: European Masters, Swiss Open. Ryder Cup record: won 2, lost 1, halved none. Former US Masters champion. Not the kind to crack under pressure. Powerful driver, inspirational putter.

CURTIS STRANGE
Born: Norfolk, Virginia. Age: 30. Height: 5ft 11in. Weight: 12st 2lb. US tour winnings in 1985: $535,171. Tournament victories in 1985: Honda Classic, Las Vegas International, Canadian Open. Ryder Cup record: Won 1, lost 2, halved none. American No 1 this season with record prize money. Finding it difficult to capture the "majors". Not the longest of drivers but one of the most accurate.

HAL SUTTON
Born: Shreveport, Louisiana. Age: 27 Height: 6ft 1in. Weight: 13st 3lb. US tour winnings in 1985: $290,560. Tournament victories in 1985: Memphis Classic. Held as next Nicklaus after stunning second year on tour when he won 1983 US PGA Championship and Tournament Players Championship. Suffered natural reaction to instant fame. Now back in the groove. Steady game, enhanced by authoritative driving.

LANNY WADKINS
Born: Richmond, Virginia. Age: 35. Height: 5ft 9in. Weight: 11st 6lb. US tour winnings in 1985: $381,513. Tournament victories in 1985: Bob Hope Classic, Los Angeles Open. Ryder Cup record: won 9, lost 2, halved 1. His 70-yard pitch to 15 inches at the last against Canizares in 1983 rescued the Americans. Inspirational golfer capable of anything at his best. Tom Watson says: "When Lanny is on his game it's like having a cobra in the basket with the lid off."

FUZZY ZOELLER
Born: New Albany, Indiana. Age: 34. Height: 5ft 10in. Weight: 13st 8lb. US tour winnings in 1985: $241,503. Tournament victory in 1985: Bay Hill Classic. Ryder Cup record: won 1, lost 5, halved 1. Former US Masters (1979) and US Open (1984) champion who will benefit if weather is hot.

CAPTAIN

LEE TREVINO
Born: Dallas, Texas, Age: 45. Height: 5ft 7in. Weight: 12st 12lb. You cannot keep a good man down. Trevino, once struck by lightning, once operated on for a herniated disc, came back to win the US PGA Championship last year. He finished runner-up defending the title in August. Earlier, in May, he won the Dunhill Masters at Woburn. Saddled with the unenviable task of trying not to become the first losing American captain since 1957. But like Jacklin he is an inspirational leader – capable of galvanizing all his players.

FOOTBALL

Barnes-Waddle invention to break defences in Mexico

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Bobby Robson's preparations for next summer's World Cup finals will begin on Monday. He hopes the international committee will accept his proposal that he should take his England squad to Colorado for the month of May and play a series of three practice matches, though not necessarily in the United States.

Robson will then talk to Billy Bingham, Northern Ireland's manager. He will seek information on the young and much improved Turks, who come to Wembley on October 16, and then warn him that, "as the eyes of the world will be upon us", he will offer the Irish no patriotic favours, when the two countries meet on November 13.

After the 1-1 draw againt Romania at Wembley on Wednesday night, England require only a apoint from those two ties to be sure of qualifying. Robson, therefore can afford to gaze beyond the horizon to the mountians of Mexico.

Although one winger would seem to be a luxury in the neat ond the altitude there, he is to persist with either Barnes or Waddle. His problem is that whatever player has started the game has been disappointing whereas the player coming on as substitute has "looked the better player."

"They are excellent at club level", Robson said, "and they have the potential to be influential at international level. We can get away with one winger and they give us a cutting edge. You may be more solid if you play four men across the middle but who is there to come in on the left?"

A midfield of Steven, Wilkins, Hoddle and Bryan Robson remains the most attractive combination. Reid played adequately enough during his England debut in the national stadium but Wilkins could have filled the deep central role with much competitiveness, with more experience and with more imagination.

Hoddle should be regarded as irreplaceable. He created all of England's opportunities as well as scoring the lone goal to maintain a notable striking rate of more than one in every fourth appearance. "He took his chance brilliantly. Whereas his free kick for Fenwick's disallowed header was carefully rehearsed, that one was off the cuff." Robson said.

With Steven staying wide to the right, Hoddle and Bryan Robson – both of whom became less dominant figures after the interval on Wednesday – could between them provide an adequate balance on the left. To omit either of them or Wilkins would be to discard a genuine world-class player.

There must be slight reservations about whether Hoddle and Wilkins can combine freely with each other but willing runners and efficient workers will not win global competitions, particularly those that are staged in Mexico. Sansom, described by Robson as "quite outstanding", and Shilton are the others equipped with special gifts.

Robson also praised Fenwick. "I thought that when he went in for his first tackle, Hagi was going to end up in my lap. He was hard, and determined but fair. He may have been caught out for their goal but his performance will have done him no harm at all."

That of Wright was again anything but convincing. Fenwick, so far considered a versatile member of the party rather than a permanent member of the team, would be more than unfortunate not to be retained as Butcher's partner against Turkey next month.

● Queen's Park Rangers' England defender, Terry Fenwick, has been charged with bringing the game into disrepute by the Football Association (the Exchange Telegraph reports).

Fenwick was reported by the referee for making a "provocative gesture" to the crowd after scoring at Newcastle on August 31.

Crystal Palace's David Lindsay faces a similar charge for an alleged gesture to the crowd at Shrewsbury on August 18.

England will play Scotland at Wembley on Wednesday April 23. The national stadium was confirmed yesterday as the venue for the match, although last year's meeting was switched to Hamden Park because the Government was worried that there could be crowd disturbances in London.

Battle of Bucharest attracts Bingham

By Peter Ball

Football has the habit of turning the conventional wisdom of analysts upside down. Against the general opinion that Northern Ireland's chances of qualifying for the World Cup hinged on a win in Turkey on Wednesday night, their manager Billy Bingham had maintained all along that the match would not be decisive.

Publicly at least Bingham thus had some justification for his equaniminity after his weakened team's disappointing 0-0 draw in Izmir, but even he could hardly have expected that equivalent success for Romania at Wembley later that same evening would provide additional evidence for his position.

Yet in a perverse way that is how it has worked out, for Romania's draw meant that even had Ireland won in Turkey, they would not have gained the expected advantage from their win. They now know, as Bingham pointed out, that they have to win in Romania next month and get a draw in their turn at Wembley, on the assumption that Romania will win their own last match in Turkey.

"It all comes down to the battle of Bucharest", Bingham said, "and we will be giving it our best shot. I am looking forward to it, because I'm convinced the Romanians will be very nervous. Their position is not so clear, they aren't so sure exactly what they have to do, a draw might be enough for them, whereas we can relax a little, because we know exactly where we stand."

To anyone watching his team's unconvincing display against Turkey that knowledge might seem to provide little comfort. Yet Ireland's most notable performances have come against the odds, in the last World Cup itself against Spain, and the equally astonishing European championship victory in Hamburg against West Germany.

Those memories serve warning against writing off Northern Ireland. Equally importantly, Bingham will hope to be nearer full strength in a month's time than he was on Wednesday. Whiteside will have returned from suspension, and Bingham will also hope that Hamilton has recovered from his troublesome knee injury. With McIlroy under par through the effects of antibiotics and a painful blister, the lack of firepower undermined their cause from the moment Armstrong put the best chance of the night wide in the 14th minute.

Yet even in a dour game, there were pleasing signs. Ramsey did enough to suggest that he is ready to claim a regular midfield place with his aggression and strong running, and the defence was its usual reliable self. On the only occasion it was breached Jennings, who is signing another monthly contract with Tottenham Hotspur, showed that he still has few peers in his profession. Romania certainly will not find it easy to score goals, but a lot will depend on Whiteside.

Stein's funeral today

The private funeral of Jock Stein, Scotland's manager, will take place at the Linn Crematorium, Glasgow, this afternoon. He died of a heart attack on Tuesday night after seeing his team edge closer to the World Cup finals in Mexico by drawing 1-1 against Wales at Cardiff.

Stapleton: close-range miss

Republic on the way out again

Without an appearance in the World Cup Finals to date, the Republic of Ireland, will almost certainly have to wait another four years, at least, before they can participate in the climax to the world game.

A goalless draw in Switzerland would have been a good enough result at most times but Wednesday's effort in Berne probalby left the Irish just short of what was required to take them to Mexico next year. Frank Stapleton's miss in the 79th minute from close range left them bemoaning the points they had dropped in earlier qualifying matches against Norway, the weakest team in Group six. The result probalby put paid to Switzerland's hopes as well.

Another goalless draw, that between Poland and Belgium, in a scrappy match in Chorzow, assured one other nation, Poland of a place in next year's finals. The Poles, who finished third in both 1974 and 1982, are the seventh country to qualify, joining the hosts, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Hungary and Italy, the holders, as definite starters.

The result left Belgium, who had an 85th minute penalty claim rejected, sweating on qualification. As the second team in a four-nation group, they now go forward, presumably like Scotland, to a play-off. Unlike Scotland, Belgium's two-leg play-off will be anything but simple as their opponents, probably in November and December, will be their perennial rivals, the Netherlands, who of course ended their hopes of qualifying in 1974.

Many Gallic tears will have been shed over the 2-0 defeat of France in Leipzig by East Germany, a result which left Bulgaria and Yugoslavia as likely qualifiers from Group four. Platini, Giresse and company obviously have it all to do in their two remaining home games, against Luxembourg, which will be a formality, and Yugoslavia. A World Cup finals without the team which won the European Championship in such style last year is almost too much to bear thinking about, particularly if their place is taken by the dour, uncompromising Bulgars.

Kettering well on way to realizing their ambitions

Non-League football by Paul Newman

Kettering Town, who in recent seasons have stumbled from one crisis to another, are showing signs of regaining their status as one of the country's leading non-League clubs. Unbeaten in their first six games, the Northamptonshire club lead the Gola League and have an average home attendance of nearly 1,400.

After being runner-up four years ago, Kettering finished nineteenth three seasons in succession, only narrowly avoiding relegation on each occasion. The club suffered severe financial problems, ran up debts of more than £200,000 and went to the brink of closure more than once. During the summer, however, all their debts were wiped out when a local farmer bought the ground, which is now leased back to the club, and eight vice-presidents formed a new board of directors. Neville Tingle, a former Kettering player and a supporter for 20 years, succeeded John Murphy as chairman.

Dave Needham, the manager, said yesterday: "In previous seasons the off-the-field problems didn't do much for morale, but the new people in charge are very progressive and there's a really ambitious atmosphere at the club. I've been given more money to spend on players and consequently we have a stronger squad who are starting to achieve things."

Needham, the former Notts County, Queen's Park Rangers and Nottingham Forest defender, who has been manager for nearly two years, sees this season's form as part of a continuing trend.

Working with a particularly young squad, he took Kettering to a final position of twelth last season. During the summer he strengthened the squad by signing three players of considerable non-League experience, Jimmy Kabia from Burton Albion, Andy McGowan from Kidderminster Harriers and Ian Crawley from VS Rugby. His most spectacular signing, however, has been that of Dave Watson, the former England defender, who has joined temporarily but may be persuaded to stay.

Needham believes Kettering have the potential to become "The best club in non-League football," and has been particularly pleased with this season's attendances. "If we can convince our supporters that this run isn't a flash in the pan I think we'll soon be getting gates of 2,000 regularly," he said.

Justice is done in unjust fashion

Although a mindlessly abusive tiny minority sullied the minute of silent tribute to Jock Stein before the kick-off, there were moments at Wembley on Wednesday when a 60,000 crowd suggested they were there, as in former days, for sport rather than chauvinism. Prosper the new family enclosure.

When Coras chipped against Shilton's right-hand post with the last kick of the first half, there was warm applause as the teams left the field: and throughout the match a tone of appreciation for the dexterity of the Romanians as much as for the artistry of Hoddle or, when he replaced Waddle, of Barnes. There was unresentful recognition that the visitors, as readily as England, could have won an important match. Two shots against Shilton's woodwork seemed to me to counterbalance, even from where the England manager sits, a probable handball before the equalizing goal.

There was justice for unjust reasons on consecutive nights. With no antipathy towards the Scots, I longed for Hughes's goal at Ninian Park to carry Wales to their first finals since 1958. Yet the harsh penalty, when the ball struck Phillips's arm with no intent on his part, gave Scotland a rightful share of a mainly shapeless match. Emotional Welsh memories will retain a vision of Mickey Thomas and Joey Jones playing their hearts out, but the end product was too often the booting of the ball into the back row of the stand.

As always, it is titillating to ponder on the potential of a Britain XI (which I do not advocate); a Rush-Hughes attack and an Anglo-Scots midfield and defence in front of Shilton (with apologies to Belfast). Mike England's frustration was the same as Dave Bowen and Mike Smith had consistently experienced down the years: a big-hearted team undermined by technical deficiency in two or three positions through shortage of choice. Rush and Hughes would have scared any defence in Mexico; at least, Wales now have the security of half a million in the till.

It is no disrespect to Jock to say that he was probably less certain about the selection of his present team than at any time in seven years, and ironically there had been discussion in the press box at half time of his possible retirement if Scotland lost. I would hope that the cause of his untimely death was not the tensions of a match upon which, as ever, hung so much significance for those of his countrymen to whom the game is a religion. Alex Ferguson – or, if he does not accept the full-time position, Billy McNeill or Jock Wallace – will have no simple task creating a unit next summer.

Bobby Robson's substitution of two of his three strikers was an indication of instability at Wembley. There comes a time when an international manager has to make up his mind about certain less-than-brilliant players, and stay with it. Ramsey made up his mind early about Cohen, Jack Charlton, Stiles and Hunt, when he had plenty of possible alternatives. I have long said of Robson that he should not fall into the vacillations which compromised Revie and Greenwood.

This especially applies if he intends to use Hoddle. Assuming England gain the modest single point they need from two remaining home ties, one of the values of Hoddle's presence in Mexico will be not his eye but his ability to hold the ball in climatic conditions which will put a premium on possession.

However, if one stationary player has the ball, others have to be running. For Hoddle to be integrated, the rest of the team have to get to know how he functions: and there are only five matches left.

David Miller

FOOTBALL RESULTS FROM WEDNESDAY

WORLD CUP: Qualifying matches: Group one: Poland 0, Belgium 0 Group three: England 1, Romania 1, Turkey 0, Northern Ireland 0 Group four: E Germany 2, France 0 Group six: Switzerland 0, Republic of Ireland 0

UEFA CUP: First round, first leg: Avenir Beggen 0, PSV Eindhoven 2.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Denmark 0, Sweden 3.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Huddersfield Town 1, Wigan Athletic 1: Hull City 1, Aston Villa 3; West Bromwich Albion 3, Sheffield United 3. Second division: Preston North End 2, Doncaster Rovers 3; Scunthorpe United 2, Grimsby Town 4; Stoke City 2, Bradford 3; York City 0, Port Vale 1; Bolton 0, Middlesbrough 3.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Ipswich Town 2, Tottenham Hotspur 1; Norwich City 0, Watford 2, Millwall 1, Portsmouth 0

FA CUP: First qualifying round replays: Annthorpe Welfare 0, Burscough 1; Cheltenham 1, Minehead 2; King's Lynn 1, Chalfont St Peter 2; Matlock 0, Spalding 0 (aet); Ossett 0, Radcliffe 3; RS Southampton 3, Redditch 2; Ton Pentre 3, Gloucester 3 (aet); Totton 2, Newbury 0.

GOLA LEAGUE: Dartford 1, Wycombe 1; Maidstone 2, Barnet 2; Weymouth 2, Dagenham 1; Enfield 1, Kettering 1.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Windsor and Eton 2, Tooting and Mitcham 1; Yeovil 1, Kingstonian 2. Second division south: Flackwell 3, Hungerford 1; Petersfield 2, Horsham 0.

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Gateshead 2, Worksop 0; Workington 2, Southport 2.

ULSTER CUP: Semi-final: Linfield 1, Portadown 3.

BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Bury 3, Tiptree 2; Chatteris 0, Wisbech 3; Soham 2, Ely 1

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Bath 38, Alberta (Can) 10; Cardiff 28, Bristol 0; Chester 6, Birkenhead Park 21, Gloucester 28, Stroud 8; Llanelli 6, Maesteg 28; Newbury 9, US Portsmouth 22; Rugby 9, Moseley 19; South Wales Police 25, Pontypridd 14; Swansea 45, Cross Keys 4; Waterloo 49, Middlesbrough 3.

JOHN PLAYER CUP: Pre-qualifying round: Richmond 40, Old Gaytonians 9.

ICE HOCKEY

Rivals recruit the best to keep pace with Flyers

By Robert Pryce

The progress of British ice hockey, which begins a new season on Sunday has suited those who prefer their journeys to be exhilarating. Now that the limit on imported players' salaries – an unofficial and half-hearted accord at best – has been smashed, the brakes are off. Clubs seeking to emulate the Fife Flyers, the British champions last season, have had to ransack their budgets in their pursuit of new recruits.

The quality of imported players now matches any League in Europe. As two new forwards Kevin Conway and Tim Salmon have credentials that compare favourably with most North American professionals. Todd Bidner, Fife's new left wing, played for the Washington Capitols in the National Hockey League (NHL) in 1981-82 and finished third leading scorer last season for the Adirondack Red Wings, in a league one level below the NHL.

Premier divison clubs must spend close to £100,000 this season. To keep up with the Flyers, they have to acquire such unfamiliar skills as book-keeping, marketing and management. If they cannot come up with sponsorship, playing resources and ice time, they will be swamped in the wake of the sleek new professionals.

Thanks to a recent spate of rink-building, there are clubs impatient to take their place. Telford Tigers and Oxford Cougars, the two latest arrivals in the first division, have the full support of rink managements anxious to promote ice sports and new facilities. New rinks in Gillingham and Swindon plan to start teams this season. Slough, Chelmsford, Basingstoke, Portsmouth, Cardiff, Preston and Glasgow plan to follow.

Peterborough Pirates's progress has been faster than most. In only three years since the rink was completed, the club have gained promotion to the premier division. This summer they have recruited five players with premier division experience, including an England international goaltender, Gary Brine. They have a £10,000 grant from the City council, the full cooperation of the development corporation and hope to announce a new sponsor within ten days.

Nevertheless, their manager, David Thorpe, says: "Everything we're doing is straining our resources." After their early season games on the Norwich Union Cup, their first premier division match is away in Fife.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan poised to pay a record fee for Hanley

By Keith Macklin

Ellery Hanley, the Bradford Northern and Great Britain back, is set to join Wigan for a world record fee.

Wigan were last night completing negotiations with Bradford Northern to sign Hanley for a total package estimated at £150,000, which includes two Wigan three-quarters, phil Ford and Steve Donlan, plus a cash adjustment of between £80,000 and £100,000.

The Barrow forward, Steve Kirkby, was yesterday suspended for 10 matches by the disciplinary committee for inflicting a stiff arm tackle on an opponent in a pre-season game against Workington Town. David Richardson, of Barrow, received a four-match suspension for offences during the same match and another tough suspension was inflicted on the Doncaster forward, George Pflaster, who will miss six matches.

● **BRISBANE:** Australian captain, Wally Lewis, has turned down an offer to play for Wigan, Queensland Rugby League would not release him as the Seasons in the two countries overlap and Australian RL rules say players must return by March 31.

BOXING

Cowdell to cash in on American TV deal

American television almost pulled out of covering Pat Cowdell's world featherweight title bout because of the Birmingham riots this week. NBC network officials were disturbed by reports of the Handsworth riots and had second thoughts about broadcasting the bout live from Birmingham's NEC centre next month.

The London promoter, Frank Warren, who was in the United States earlier this week to complete negotiations, persuaded the television bosses to go ahead with coast-to-coast coverage on October 12. however. Warren's efforts mean that Cowdell, who challenges Nelson Azuhma for the crown, will earn his biggest pay day and double his money on original estimates.

NBC, who have curtailed their major boxing coverage, were impressed when Azuhma, from Ghana, made his first defence of the world championship in Miami last Friday, stopping Juvenal Odenes in five rounds. Warren said: "Pat was at the ringside watching that fight and is confident that his style is suited to Azumha and will take him through. But Nelson is a good fighter and Pat will have his work cut out to take the title."

Tim Witherspoon, a leading American heavyweight, is also on the bill, and if he wins against an opponent yet to be named, could then tackle the winner of next week's British heavyweight title battle between Funso Banjo and Hughroy Currie.

● Clinton McKenzie, the former British light welterweight champion, will meet Tony Laing (Dalston) in anofficial eliminator for Terry Marsh's British light-welterweight title at Wembley on October 1.

The bout is the main support to the Frank Bruno/Anders Eklund contest which will see Bruno attempt to become European heavyweight champion.

McKenzie, who lost the title to Marsh, outpointed Lloyd Christie (Coventry) in another eliminator in the Isle of Man last Saturday.

Also on the Wembley bill will be the former ABA featherweight champion, Jim Donnell (Stepney) against the champion of Guyana, Jeff Roberts, currently sparring with the WBA world titleholder Barry McGuigan in Belfast.

● NEW YORK, (AFP) – The return to the ring of Alexis Arguello, the Nicaraguan who has held world titles at three different weights, has been put back three weeks, according to the promoters.

Arguello, aged 33, the former featherweight, junior-lightweight and lightweight champion, was due to make a comeback after two years away from the ring in a 10-round light-welterweight fight against Andrew Nance, of the United States, in San Rafael, California, on October 5. But the promoters, who did not specify the new date of the meeting, said the bout would have to be put back due to problems over television rights.

Arguello has not fought since September 1983, when he was knocked out by then World Boxing Association champion, Aaron Pryor, of the United States, in their light-welterweight title bout.

POLO

Galloping majors to rescue

By John Watson

In a Harrod's Trophy League-B match, played at Smith's Lawn, Windsor Great Park, yesterday Benoist (Maidensgrove) defeated Alfursan by five goals to three. But Alfursan, aggregating a team handicap of nine in contrast to Benoist's 14, started the duel three and a half up, the result in the handicap section of the game being 6½-5 to Alfursan.

Pivoted on the Australian player, Greg Ballard, who is backed by two serving army officers, Major Charles Graham and Major Sean Mahony, Alfursan fought tooth and nail from the first chukka to the last. But Benoist, whose strong man is Charles Graham's brother, Robert, attacked Alfursan's goal relentlessly in the second half of the struggle, and except for a number of near-goal misses would have overtaken the Alfursan handicap advantage.

The score in the League-A match between Jock Green Armytage's Saracens and Downy Fields was 7-2 to the Saracens (7-4 on handicap). Green Armytage himself is still absent, his place being smoothly filled by William Lucas, a two-goal man. Cody Forsyth, who plays off a six handicap, was in dynamic form and slammed-in four of the Saracen's goals, the other three being divided between his team mates, his brother Martin, Lucas and Brown.

In League-C, Rangitiki overwhelmed Pegasus 9-0 (9-3½).

BENOIST: 1, L Black (2); 2, J Snail (3); 3, R Graham (5) Back D Daniel (4).
ALFURSAN: D Fernandez (0); 2, C Graham (2), 3, G Ballard (4) Back (3)
SARACENS: 1, M Forsyth (2), 2, W Lucas (4), 3 C Forsyth (6) Back R Brown (2).
DOWNY FIELDS: 1 N Lobel (1); 2, P Newell (3), 3 S Livingstone-Learmonth (4). Back A Bamberg (3).
RANGITIKI: 1, A Hine (3); 2, A Billela (4); 3, T Devcich (7) Back N Achkar (1)
PEGASUS: 1, Lord R Innes Ker (2); 2, A Brodie (2) (3); L Amaya (4) Back D Walton Masters (2).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off at 7 30.

Second division
Grimsby v Carlisle United
Oldham Athletic v Charlton

Third division
Doncaster Rovers v Brentford

Fourth division
Halifax Town v Orient
Hartlepool United v Rochdale
Preston v Stockport County

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship (11 0 to 5.30 or 6.0)
CHESTERFIELD: Derbys v Warwicks
SOUTHAMPTON: Hants v Northants
LORD'S: Middlesex v Essex
TAUNTON: Somerset v Worcs
SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Notts

GOLF

Ryder Cup (at The Belfry) First day: Four foursomes four four-balls

OTHER SPORT

SPEEDWAY: British League: Oxford v Halifax (7 45). National League: Edinburgh v Wimbledon (7 15), Ellesmere Port v Canterbury (7 30), Peterborough v Hackney (7.30). Open meeting (at Birmingham, 7 30).
YACHTING: World windsurfing championship (at Torbay)
TABLE TENNIS: Home Counties competition (at Coatbridge)
WEIGHTLIFTING: Silver Dragon meeting (at Cardiff)
GOLF: Mens Home international (at Formby). Women's Home International (at Waterlooville)

RACING: LUCKY RING AND MIDWAY LADY HAVE FRENCH OBJECTIVES AFTER DONCASTER SUCCESSES

Kiliniski pulled out of St Leger

By Michael Seely

Tomorrow's St Leger field now looks like being the smallest since the Aga Khan's Turkahan beat five opponents in a war time substitute at Thirsk in 1940. John Dunlop announced yesterday. Kiliniski would [illegible] withdraw at the overnight stage of declarations.

"Sheikh Mohammed has said that he does not want Kiliniski to run. She would only take part in the unlikely event of anything happening to Oh So Sharp," said the Arundel trainer at Doncaster.

The owner's desire to see Oh So Sharp become the first of her sex to capture the fillies' triple crown since Meld in 1955 is perfectly understandable, and there is no doubt that the stamina shown by Kiliniski when runner up to Sally Brown in the Yorkshire Oaks might have made her a formidable rival to the favourite.

However, the Maktoum family of Dubai have so far shown admirable sporting instincts in their relentless pursuit of the purse riches. The Sheikh's decision to reduce a classic field in size as well as quality cannot be applauded. It was also bad luck on Dunlop to be informed of the Sheikh's intentions so late in the day. After the withdrawal of Kiliniski Ladbroke's have shortened Oh So Sharp's price to 8-15. They then go 2-1 Lanfranco and offer 12-1 against Khozdar, Sheikh Mohammed's other runner.

Following his double with Hills Bid and I Want To Be on Wednesday, the Sheikh's maroon and white colours looked like being carried to their third success of the meeting when Taffy Thomas sent Bourbon Boy into the lead two furlongs from home in the Doncaster Cup. However, rallying gamely under Steve Cauthen's determined driving, Spicy Story, the 7-4 favourite, regained the lead to won by a neck.

After finishing a desperately unlucky third to Longboat in the Sagaro Stakes at Ascot in May, Paul Mellon's four-year old was found to be suffering from muscular trouble after disappointing in the Yorkshire Cup. "I then brought him out a bit too soon after that," said Ian Balding, the winning trainer. "Buthe ran well when second to Shernazar at Newbury. Spicy Story will now go for the Jockey Club Cup." Bourbon Boy, who gave Michael Stoute a remarkable fifth secnd place of the afternoon, is now 10-1 favourite for the Cesarewitch.

That annual mad scramble, the Portland Handicap, resulted in a win for Lochtilum, who miraculously appeared from behind a wall of horses to overhaul Petrovich well inside the last furlong. Jamie Douglas Home, son of the playwright and nephew of the former prime minister, has excelled himself in his handling of this consistent sprinter.

After gaining the most important triumph of his career Douglas Home now plans to aim Lochtillum at Scotland's richest flat race, the Ladbroke's Ayr Gold Cup. "The only proviso would be that the ground is not too heavy," he said.

As far as the future is concerned the most exciting performance of the afternoon was that of Midway Lady, whom Piggott persuaded to produce a fine burst of finishing speed to beat Tender Loving Care by three lengths in the May Hill Stakes. Midway Lady is now favourite at 20-1 for next year's Oaks.

"This is the best filly I've ever trained", said Ben Hanbury. "I bought her in the United States for $42,000 as a yearling. I've already backed her for the Oaks at long odds. I was worried about today's firm ground, but she's now going to Longchamp for the Prix Marcel Boussac on Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe day."

Lucky Ring winning the Kiveton Park Stakes

Also bound for France is Lucky Ring, who continued to show much improved form by winning his third race off the reel when beating Efisio and Soprano in a close finish to the Kiveton Park Stakes for Willie Carson and Dick Hern. "Lucky Ring will not run in the Cambridgeshire", said the royal trainer. "I'm thinking of sending him to Longchamp on September 29 for the Prix du Rond-Point." The disappointment of the race was the running of the 7-4 favoutire, Protection, who finished well beaten.

Barry Hills had his second winner of the meeting when Brent Thomson and Maumann proved too strong for Lester Piggott's Immortal Dancer in the "Bet with the Tote" Handicap.

The Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, which is to be run over 12 furlongs on October 6, has attracted 49 entries from four different countries. French trainers have made 28 engagements, the English 14, Irish 5 and Italians 2. Patrick Biancone has entered no less than 13 horses in the total 49, including the present favourite, Sagace, who took the Arc a year ago.

DONCASTER

Ch4

[Televised: 2.35, 3.10, 3.40, 4.10]

Going: good to firm

Draw advantage: doubtful.

2.0 CHARITY DAY SELLING HANDICAP STAKES (£3,200: 1m) (25 runners)

102	3-00004	EMERGENCY PLUMBER (Mrs J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-8	-	16
103	004000	HOMETOWN (B) (L Osman) D O Donnell 4-9-8	L Jones 5	15
105	1/000-0	READY WIT (Mrs P Tennant) R Hannon 4-9-7	S Cauthen	24
106	001320	WARPLANE (A Wilson) C Thornton 5-9-5	J Bleasdale	4
107	0-00000	AQABA PRINCE (D) (R Popely) P Cundell 5-9-3	C Rutter 5	10
108	013000	JUMP JAR (D) (W Swiers) D Chapman 6-9-3	D Nicholls	8
109	431000	HELLO GYPSY (D) (Mrs C Tinkler) C Tinkler 4-9-2	M Birch	20
114	000000	EASTFORM (B) (D) (W Swiers) D Chapman 5-8-11	S Webster	5
116	000400	TURTLE BAY (Mrs T Parry) D Haydn Jones 3-8-9	-	7
117	001430/	THE GREY BUCK (Mrs J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-8	M Fry	6
118	000000	HIT THE HEIGHTS (B) (R Kilby) J Holt 4-8-8	P Waldron	11
119	041220	QUALITY CHORISTER (G Simpson) G Moore 4-8-6	W Carson	19
120	4400-00	RAILROAD LADY (B) (N Chapman) S Norton 4-8-6	J Lowe	9
121	010000	REMEMBRANCE (G Whittaker) D Chapman 4-8-6	A Proud	21
122	033000	FOOLISH TOUCH (M Chandler) K Stone 3-8-6	C Dwyer	23
123	002203	DOMINION PRINCESS (BF) (Mrs P Rohan) P Rohan 4-8-4	J Quinn 7	1
124	100400	HERE I AM (D Thornton) J Etherington 4-8-4	M Wood	13
125	301334	PARIS TRADER (B) (G Shouler) M W Easterby 3-8-4	K Hodgson	14
126	040030	POKEY (M W Easterby) M W Easterby 3-8-3	K Darley	22
127	000010	AVRAEAS (Mrs E Davies) R Morris 6-8-1	L Charnock	17
128	000334	ROYABER (D) (C Buckley) Mrs G Reveley 9-8-0	A Mackay	3
129	100000	STAR EVENT (D) (W Lumley) J Etherington 4-7-11	G Carter 5	18
130	000000	SMART MART (T Foster) M Camacho 8-7-11	R Lines 3	12
131	0-00300	STAR MAESTRO (C) (J Smith) J Hardy 3-7-10	S Dawson 3	2
132	0/0053-	EYELIGHT (CD) (R Hollinshead) R Hollinshead 8-7-10	W Ryan	25

1984: Simple Melody 3-8-2 B Thomson (14-1) J Watts 27 ran.

4 Quality Chorister, 9-2 Paris Trader, 11-2 Warplane, Dominion Princess, 8 Emergency Plumer Eyelight, 10 Royaber, 12 Pokey, Jump Jar, 16 others.

Doncaster selections

By Mandarin
2.0 Hit the Heights. 2.35 Al Khazaama. 3.10 Camden Lock. 3.40 SURE BLADE (nap). 4.10 Life Peer. 4.40 Native Oak.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.35 Al Khazaama. 3.10 Tivian. 3.40 Faustus. 4.10 Life Peer. 4.40 Native Oak.

By Michael Seely
3.10 CAMDEN LOCK (nap). 4.40 Native Oak.

2.35 SWETTENHAM STUD STAKES (3-y-o: £3,200: 7f) (17)

201	0-304	AL KHAZAAMA (Hamdan Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11	A Murray	8
202		APPEALING (D Simpson) C Brittain 8-11	N Day	4
203	0000	ARCTIC FORD (A Clore) B Hills 8-11	B Thomson	17
204	00	BELLA JENNY (Elisha Holding) G Lewis 8-11	M L Thomas	12
205	0-3	BERGAMASCA (H Morriss) G Wragg 8-11	P Waldron	3
209	00-	CHAPELET (G Leigh) B Hills 8-11	M Hills	5
210	033300	CHELSEA PAPERCHASE (J Bray) R Armstrong 8-11	G Sexton	1
211		DOWCESTER (D Aykroyd) H Cecil 8-11	S Cauthen	9
212	0-43340	ELEGANT FASHION (Mrs S Hughes) W Guest 8-11	E Guest	7
215	0	GOLD DERIVATIVE (Concorde Bloodstock Agency Ltd) D O'Donnell 8-11	L Jones	11
216	000-	HIGHLY PLACED (Elisha Holding) E Eldin 8-11	A Mackay	13
218	002203	MARAVILLA (Mrs L Peacock) C Nelson 8-11	J Reid	15
220	23330	NJIWA (Mrs R Chapin) I Balding 8-11	A Clark	16
221		RED FANCY (B Chechik) D Arbuthnot 8-11	N Howe	10
222	20	SUMMER'S DARLING (Mrs M Simmonds) L Cumani 8-11	W Carson	14
223	00	TUG ALONG (Greenland Park Ltd) R Williams 8-11	R Hills	6
224	4-00	UNCORNERED (BF) (Mr R Rogers) B Hanbury 8-11	L Piggott	2

1984: Salala 8-11 M Hills (12-1) B Hanbury 18 ran.

9-4 Dowcester 7-2 Al Khazaama, 5 Summer's Darling, 6 Arctic Ford, Uncornered, 8 Njiwa, 10 Maravilla, 14 others

FORM: AL KHAZAAMA (8-11) 8l 4th to Oscura (8-11) with SUMMER'S DARLING (8-11) 6½l back in 7th (Goodwood 1m £2,266 good, Aug 23, 11 ran) BERGAMASCA (8-11) 5l 3rd to Gypsy Talk (8-11) at Warwick (1m, £584 heavy April 8 13 ran) CHAPELET (8-5) 8½l 5th of 7 behind Green Leaf (8-3) at York (6f, £3,896 good, Sept 5) MARAVILLA (8-11) 5l 3rd to Russian Ribbon (8-11) at Warwick (1m, £970, good Aug 26, 17 ran) NJIWA disappointing lately, previously (8-8) a head 3rd to Home Blade (8-11) at Leicester (7f, £1,683 soft, May 28, 14 ran).
Selection: NJIWA.

3.10 GIBBS HARTLEY COOPER HANDICAP STAKES (£3,200: 1m 2f) (10)

302	2214-34	CHIEFDOM (BF) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 3-9-9	A Clark	6
306	1-42200	GOLD WIRE (K Abdulla) B Hills 3-8-6	B Thomson	9
311	030400	CARILLON (B) (Sheik Fahad) G Huffer 3-8-1	G Carter 5	2
312	04-1300	ARACHOVA (Mrs A Leggat) J FitzGerald 4-7-13	W Carson	10
314	320013	TIVIAN (B) (Lady Matthews) Mrs C Reavey 5-7-11	W Woods 5	7
316	324263	ARBOR LANE (D) (A Papotto) M Haynes 4-7-8	T Williams	1
318	311423	CAMDEN LOCK (Mrs J Ramsden) T Barron 4-7-7	A Mackay	3
319	000200	PATERNOSTER ROW (B) (K Griffiths) D Haydn Jones 6-7-7	J Lowe	8
321	043004	SUGAR PALM (B) (F Broom) R Hannon 4-7-7	M L Thomas	4
322	212220	THE CLOWN (G Greenwood) M Naughton 4-7-7	C Rutter 5	5

1984: First Bout 3-8-13 M Hills (15-2) B Hanbury 9 ran.

3 Cheifdom 4 Arbor Lane, 11-2 Arachova, Tivian, 7 Carillon, 10 Gold Wire, 12 Camden Lock, 14 others

FORM: CHIEFDOM (9-9) 3½l 4th to Iroko (8-12) at Sandown (1m 2f, £8,077, firm, July 5, 9 ran). ARBOR LANE (9-6) 3rd behind Killary Bay (9-4), beaten 8½l, (Windsor, 1m 3f, £2,729, soft, Aug 24 6 ran) Earlier (9-4) short head Folkestone 2nd to Sarah's Venture (8-11) (1m 4f, £1,080, good, July,2, 11 ran) CAMDEN LOCK (8-8) 3l 3rd to Salala (9-5) at Newcastle (1m 2f, £2,308, good to soft, Aug 24, 11 ran) THE CLOWN (7-9) 13½l 8th to Trapeze Artist (9-3) at Newmarket; Previously (7-12) 2nd beaten 3l, to Matman (8-2) with SUGAR PALM (8-6) 1½l away in 4th and TIVIAN (8-6) a neck further back in 5th (Newbury, 1m 4f, £4, 495, good to soft, June 13, 8 ran).
Selection: ARBOR LANE.

3.40 LAURENT PERRIER CHAMPAGNE STAKES (Group II: 2-y-o: £34,992. 7f) (5)

402	241313	BARRACK STREET (C) (J Fisher) M Ryan 9-0	J Reid	4
403	11111	FAUSTUS (D) (S S Niarchos) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen	5
404	3211	SIT THIS ONE OUT (D) (P Coulandris) D Laing 9-0	W Carson	2
405	11	SURE BLADE (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 9-0	B Thomson	3
407	2	TRUELY NUREYEV (BF) (J Maboe) M Stoute 9-0	L Piggott	1

1984: Young Runaway 9-0 G Starkey (5-2) G Harwood 6 ran.

6-4 Sure Blade, 2 Faustus 5 Truely Nureyev, 7 Sit This One Out, 14 Barrack Street.

FORM: FAUSTUS (9-3) made all to beat Colway Comet (8-11) 2½l at Newbury: earlier (9-0) scored cleverly from Beldale Star (9-0) by a neck with BARRACK STREET (9-0) 5l away 3rd (Goodwood, 7f £12 408, good Aug 1, 10 ran) SIT THIS ONE OUT (9-0) beat Cherino (9-0) ¾l at York (7f, £8 220 good Sept 4, 7 ran) SURE BLADE (8-11) beat Moorgate Man (8-11) 1½l at Ascot (6f, £21,588 good to firm, June 18, 12 ran) TRULY NUREYEV (9-0) beaten neck by Stage Hand (9-0) at (Newmarket 7f, £3,953, good, Aug 23, 17 ran).
Selection: SURE BLADE.

4.10 TROY STAKES (3-y-o colts & fillies: £3,200: 1m 2f) (4)

503	12131	LIFE PEER (D) (E Bram) H Cecil 9-0	N Day	2
504	311-131	ROYAL COACH (D) (H Joel) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen	4
507	0-2132	SALIENT (The Queen) W Hern 8-9	W Carson	1
508	1	STANDARD BREAKFAST (A Clore) B Hills 8-6	B Thomson	3

1984: Braka 9-0 L Piggott (7-2) H Cecil 6 ran.

5-4 Royal Coach, 5-2 Life Peer, 3 Salient, 11-2 Standard Breakfast.

FORM: ROYAL COACH (8-10) beat Bold Connection (9-0) by head at Lingfield (1m 4f, £2,595, good, Aug 21, 4 ran) SALIENT (8-10) 1½l Newmarket runner-up to Taj Alriyadh (8-5) with LIFE PEER (9-5) ½l away 3rd (1m 4f £4,885 good to soft, Aug 2, 6 ran). LIFE PEER (8-7) made all to beat Leinster Lad (7-11) 4l at Haydock (1m 6f, £2,524, good to soft, Aug 9, 7 ran) STANDARD BREAKFAST (8-11) bleat Convention (9-0) 1½l Newbury, 1m 4f mdn, £2,399, good to soft, Aug 15, 13 ran)
Selection: ROYAL COACH

4 40 LAURENT PERRIER ROSE CHAMPAGNE STAKES (2-y-o: £2,598: 6f) (14)

601	011	SHARROOD (D) (Sheikh Mohammed) W Hern 9-5	W Carson	4
605	31	NATIVE OAK (D) (C d'Alessio) H Cecil 9-1	S Cauthen	6
610	000	KEN SIDDALL (Michael Watterson) J Glover 8-11	M Birch	1
615	0	CHABLISSE (E Wilkinson) R Whitaker 8-8	S Perks	2
616	0	COOL MUSIC (A Gudge Equine Ltd) J FitzGerald 8-8	M Wood	3
618	0	MY ANNADETSKY (A Thomas) A Madwar 8-8	R Morse	5
620	4	SYNTHETIC (C Nicholson) D Arbuthnot 8-8	N Howe	1
621		BRADBURY HALL (Michael Watterson) J Glover 8-7	M Hindley	14
622		LLANARMON (R McAlpine) B Hills 8-7	M Hills	8
623		MARSHAL MACDONALD (Mrs J Hislop) W Holden 8-7	J Reid	9
624		POP THE CORK (Mrs M Cauthen) M Francis 8-7	N Howe	7
625		QUINTA REEF (F Lee) M Jarvis 8-7	A Murray	13
626		ROYAL TROUBADOR (R Sangster) B Hills 8-7	B Thomson	12
627		ASHRAF (J Kenny) D O Donnell 8-4	L Jones	10

1984: Downing Street 8-11 P Robinson (14-1) C Brittain 15 ran.

6-4 Sharrood, 7-4 Native Oak, 6 Royal Troubadour, 8 Cool Music, 10 Quinta Reef, 12 Llanarmon 15 others

GOODWOOD

BBC

[Televised: 3.0, 3.30, 4.0, 4.30]

Going: good

Draw advantage: 5f-6f, high numbers best

2.30 CARNES SEAT FILLIES STAKES (2-y-o: £2,931: 7f) (9 runners)

1	021	IVOR'S IMAGE (D) (Sir G White) M Stoute 9-0	A Kimberley	6
4	00	AL ZUMURRUD (H Al-Maktoum) J Ciechanowski 8-8	R Street	1
6	00	BAYDON QUEEN (A Richards) D Hanley 8-8	T Quinn	4
10		ENTRANCING (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) J Dunlop 8-8	B Rouse	2
13		GAETANA (Fitzocks Stud Ltd) L Cumani 8-8	R Guest	5
19	0	MISS JADE (G Beccle) J Winter 8-8	R Cochrane	7
23		SHOAG (Maktoum Al Maktoum) W Hern 8-8	B Procter	3
25		STARTINO (Mrs J McAllister) H Cecil 8-8	Paul Eddery	9
29		TROYO (N Hunt) J Dunlop 8-8	G Duffield	8

1984: No corresponding race

7-4 Startino, 3 Ivor's Image, 9-2 Shoag, 13-2 Entrancing, 8 Gaetana, 12 Troyo, 25 others.

Goodwood selections

By Mandarin
2.30 Ivor's Image. 3.0 Young Runaway. 3.30 Mac's Reef. 4.0 Robbama 4.30 Lemhill. 5.0 Topsoil 5.30 Saga Nejd.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.30 Ivor's Image. 3.0 Prismatic. 3.30 Iroko. 4.30 Voracity. 5.0 Conwy River 5.30 Saba Nejd.

Michael Seely's selection: 4.30 Leadburn.

3.0 COURT HILL STAKES (£2,519: 1m) (6)

2	3-10100	PRISMATIC (D) (Lord H de Walden) H Cecil 3-9-2	Paul Eddery	1
4	1212-4	YOUNG RUNAWAY (C) (S Niarchos) G Harwood 3-8-11	G Starkey	4
5	1-0	YEMKEN (F Salman) P Cole 3-8-9	T Quinn	6
7	120-001	MOUJIK (B) (D) (Sheikh Mohammed) W Hern 3-8-6	J Mercer	5
8	340030	NORTHERN PRIDE (K Fischer) M Jarvis 3-8-6	T Ives	2
9	301341	FLOWER OF TINTERN (D) (W Gaff) D Laing 3-8-3	R Curant	3

1984: Ivano 5-9-10 D McHargue (5-1) L Cumani 6 ran

5-2 Young Runaway, 11-4 Prismatic, 5 Yemken, 8 Moujik, 10 Northern Pride, 16 Flower Of Tintern

FORM: PRISMATIC (8-6) 10½l 7th of 8 to Rousillon (9-5) in group two Royal Ascot event (1m, £33,100, good to firm, June 18) YOUNG RUNAWAY (9-0) 3½l 4th of 8 to Vaim (9-0) in group two Royal Ascot event (1m, £31,138, good to firm, June 18). YEMKEN never dangerous when 6th to Parliament last time; earlier (9-0) beat Verdance (9-0) 4l at Ascot (7f, £6,711, good to firm, July 27, 10 ran) MOUJIK (9-4) beat Prince Lyph (8-12) a head at Kempton last Saturday (1m, £3,988, good to firm, Sept 7 8 ran) NORTHERN PRIDE, 6th in Germany last time; earlier (8-5) 3l 4th of 9 to Hot Rodder (9-0) in group three event at Baden-Baden (1m, £12,329, good, Aug 23).
Selection: YOUNG RUNAWAY.

3.30 VALDOE STAKES (£9,489: 1m 2f) (8)

2	034303	KALIM (B) (Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 4-9-0	Paul Eddery	5
4	203-140	ROSTOVA (W Gredley) C Brittain 4-8-11	T Ives	4
5	110140	SOUTHERN DYNASTY (D) (M Kerstish) P Mitchell 4-8-11	R McGhin	1
8	013120	FORMAZ (K Abdulla) J Tree 3-8-4	J Mercer	3
9	122011	IROKO (CD) (Mrs A Plesch) M Stoute 3-8-4	B Rouse	6
10	021102	KUFUMA (D) (B Hamoud) G Huffer 3-8-4	P Cook	8
11	342032	MAC'S REEF (C) (M George) M Ryan 3-8-4	P Robinson	2
15	000344	CHARGE ALONG (D McIntyre) J Winter 3-8-1	R Cochrane	7

1984: Bob Back 3-8-5 B Raymond (8-1) M Jarvis 5 ran

5-2 Iroko, 3 Kalim, 4 Formaz, 6 Kufuma, 8 Mac's Reef, 12 Charge Along, 14 Rostova, 20 Southern Dynasty

FORM: KALIM 3rd to Regal Diplomat last time; earlier (8-8) 1½l 4th of 12 to Elegant Air (8-8) in group three Sandown event (1m 2f £18,000, good, Apr 27). FORMAZ 8th to New Bruce in France; previously (8-13) 4l 2nd of 7 to Assemblyman (8-7) in Welsh Derby (Chepstow, 1m 4f, £9,705, hard, July 9) IROKO (8-13) beat Promised Isle (9-1) a head (Goodwood, 1m 2f, £16,180, good to soft, 9 ran, Aug 3) KUFUMA (8-1) ¾l 2nd to Hot Rodder (9-0) in German group three event (1m, £12,329, good, Aug 23, 9 ran) MACS REEF (8-9) neck 2nd to Lirung in German group three event (1m 3f, £12,329, soft, Aug 25, 10 ran). CHARGE ALONG disappointing last time, earlier, (9-0) 5½l 5th of 7 to Al Bahathri (9-4) (Royal Ascot, £29,238, 1m, good to firm, June 19).
Selection: KALIM.

4 0 WESTHAMPNETT STAKES (2-y-o: £3,048: 1m) (4)

3	1	ROBBAMA (D) (Sheikh A Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-5	R Fox	2
4	121130	FOUZ (F Salman) P Cole 9-1	T Quinn	4
5	0120	GORGEOUS ALGERNON (W Gredley) C Brittain 9-1	T Ives	3
7		HAL LAAB (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 8-11	B Rouse	1

1984: St Hilarion 9-1 G Starkey (8-13 fav) G Harwood 7 ran

11-8 Robbama 9-4 Fouz, 4 Gorgeous Algernon, 7 Hal Laab.

FORM: ROBBAMA (8-11) beat Codices (8-11) by 2½l at Sandown (1m, £3,571 good to firm, Aug 31 18 41n). FOUX, 8th to Faustus last time, earlier (9-2) 2l, 3rd to Faustus (8-11) at Newmarket (7f £4,674, good to firm, July 10, 4 ran) with GORGEOUS ALGERNON (9-2) 3l back in 4th.
Selection: FOUZ.

4 30 SELHURST PARK HANDICAP STAKES (£3,225: 1m 4f) (7)

1	3-03410	LEADBURN (CD) (S Niarchos) G Harwood 4-10-0	G Starkey	5
2	222130-	VORACITY (D) (Lady Derby) J Winter 6-9-11	G Duffield	6
3	214d23	LEMHILL (C) (S Hinton) M Blanshard 3-9-1	R Cochrane	3
7	420040-	SHANGOSEER (D) (J Green) J Jenkins 4-8-2	J Williams	7
8	300422	FIRE BAY (Mrs S Richardson) P Haynes 4-8-2	B Rouse	2
11	243224	FOLLY HILL (D) (Mrs P Garner) J Jenkins 5-8-1	T Quinn	4
12	130130	TEMPLE BAR (D) (Barclays Hotels Ltd) C Brittain 5-8-0	P Robinson	1

1984: Il Pointevecchio 4-8-7 Pat Eddery (9-2) D Murray-Smith 8 ran

9-4 Lemhill, 5-2 Leadburn, 5 Voracity, 8 Folly Hill, 10 Temple Bar, 14 Fire Bay, 25 Shangoseer

FORM: VORACITY, (9-4) 1½l Newmarket runner-up to Sergeant Drummer (7-11) (1m 4f, £9,193, good, Aug 11, 8 ran). LEMHILL (8-6) 5l 3rd to Western Dancer (8-6) in Ebor, with LEADBURN (10-0) 12th (York, 1m 6f, £4,560, good to soft, Aug 21, 19 ran). Earlier, LEADBURN (8-10) 4l course and distance winner from Arbor Lane (7-7) with TEMPLE BAR (7-12) 1½l away 3rd (£4,542, good to soft, Aug 3, 5 ran) FIRE BAY (9-3) ¾l 2nd to Percase (9-3) at Warwick (1m 4f, £1,682, good, Oct 15, 12 rab) FOLLY HILL (11-1) 7l 4th to Honeydew Wonder (11-0) in Epsom Amateurs' event (1m 4f, £5,235, good to soft, Aug 26, 12 ran).
Selection: VORACITY.

5 0 HARVEST SELLING STAKES (3-y-o: £1,251: 1m 2f) (8)

3	300023	TOPSOIL (D Rankoff) R Simpson 9-2	K Radcliffe 7	1
4	000020	ANOTHER ANGUS (B) (D Ivory) K Ivory 8-11	R Cochrane	6
5	004000	DISTING (S Mirchandani) H Beasley 8-11	S Cuddy 7	8
7	000000	HALLAND PARK BOY (Mrs B Burchett) R Hannon 8-11	A McGlone	3
11	000400	CADENZA (Intercraft) P Makin 8-8	R Wernham	2
12	3-30000	CONWY RIVER (B) (Lady Macdonald-Buchanan) M Prescott 8-8	G Duffield	4
13	0-00033	DEERFIELD BEACH (C Pearman) G Hunter 8-8	T Ives	5
14	0000	FAIRLINA (H Steckmest) W Jarvis 8-8	T Quinn	7

1984: Flying Tenderfoot 8-11 B Rouse (5-2) D Elsworth 8 ran

6-4 Topsoil 3 Conwy River, 5 Deerfield Beach, 8 Cadenza, 12 Another Angus, Halland Park Boy 15 others.

5.30 JOHN WOOTTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £1,273: 6f) (20)

1		ARABIAN BLUES (T Marshall) M Usher 9-0	D McKay	5
2		BULLY BOY (A Richards) D Hanley 9-0	B Procter	4
4	0	COUNTRY GENTLEMAN (CGA Horseracing) J Dunlop 9-0	B Rouse	2
5	42	DELTA LIMA (R De Lisser) G Kindersley 9-0	P Robinson	20
8	9	HAMMERSLEY (R Holmes a Court) I Balding 9-0	S Payne	6
9		HARMONY BOWL (K Choo) M Jarvis 9-0	R Guest	18
10	2	HELLO ERNANI (G Strawbridge) I Balding 9-0	J Matthias	7
11	000	HELVICK BAY (Mrs R Hennques) R Hannon 9-0	A McGlone	3
13	0	MANTON DAN (G Tuck) N Vigors 9-0	P Cook	8
15	000	PENDOR DANCER (Mrs P Brown) K Ivory 9-0	R Cochrane	19
18		PROMENADER (Mrs R Kennard) P Walwyn 9-0	J Mercer	1
20		RESOURCEFUL FALCON (R Monk) P Makin 9-0	T Quinn	13
21	0	RIVIERA SCENE (G Yates) J Dunlop 9-0	G Duffield	17
22	4	SABA NEJD (F) (Prince Faisal) H Cecil 9-0	Paul Eddery	10
23		SAXON BAZAAR (D Ladhams) M Usher 9-0	M Wigham	9
30		COUNTRY CRAFT (B T R B Plc) G Balding 8-11	J Williams	16
33		FORMIDABLE DANCER (Mrs A Clabby) J Dunlop 8-11	T Ives	11
34		GEORGIAN ROSE (C Ansell) K Ivory 8-11	G Starkey	15
35	0	PERVENCHE (Capt M Clark) H Candy 8-11	R Curant	12
38		VITRY (R West) C James 8-11	R Fox	14

1984: No corresponding race

7-4 Saba Nejd, 11-4 Hello Ernani, 6 Manton Dan, 8 Delta Lima, Formidable Dancer, 12 Hamersley, Country Gentleman, 20 others.

Relentless Starkey rides five winners

Greville Starkey rode like a man inspired at Salisbury yesterday, winning five events on the nine-race programme at accumulative odds of 7,165-1.

Starkey was successful on four Guy Harwood horses – Zahdam, Fintry Hills, Daring and Pactolus – and also collected the Dick Poole Stakes on the Frank Durr-trained Ala Mahlik.

After the eclipse of their hot favourite Codices in the first leg of the Marlbourough Maiden Stakes, the Harwood stable were as amazed as the uninformed punters when Zahdam, so unfancied that he drifted from 4-1 to 12-1 in the betting, scorched home by five lengths in the second part.

"The game's a joke," said Harwood's assistant, Geoff Lawson. "If you'd seen these work at home you couldn't possible have fancied Zahdam. We were so confident Codices would win, but we thought Zahdam was too big and weak. We are only working ten of our 80 two-year-olds at the moment. Its pretty well a closed shop with the rest, and Starkey thinks that Codices is not right – we may have another sick horse on our hands.

● Devizes trainer Robin Blakeney had a lucky escape when the horsebox he was driving to Newton Abbot races yesterday overturned on the M5 motorway, just 20 miles from the racecourse. Novice hurdler Gain The Day, and a travelling companion, a pony, had to be cut out of the horsebox through the damaged roof. A stable spokesman said: "It was a miracle that no one was seriously hurt. The animals needed a few stitches, but thats all."

● John Thomas, the Newport trainer, must face the Jockey Club stewards at Portman Square over the victory of his hurdler Mandown Lad at Newton Abbot on August 28. The local stewards refused to accept the explanations of Thomas, and his jockey Anthony Griffiths, over the gelding's improved form compared with his previous run at Worcester on August 19.

Smart Sure Blade should cut a dash

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Henry Cecil, Barry Hills and Michael Stoute, trainers with the most fancied runners for this year's Laurent Perrier-Champagne Stakes at Doncaster today, have all tasted success in the race before. Cecil's record of three victories with Wollow, R.B. Chesne and Guilgud, easily betters those of Hills and Stoute who have won it once. Hills with Sexton Blake, Stoute with Final Straw.

With Faustus representing him today, Cecil obviously has a good chance of improving his record. Stavros Niarchos' American-bred colt has scored already at Yarmouth, Nottingham, Newmarket, Goodwood and Newbury, and I know that he is strongly fancied to retain his unbeaten record.

In this instance, though, I am happy to go nap on **Sure Blade**, the other runner in the field who still boasts a 100 per cent record. I was most impressed with the way that this son of the champion miler Kris won the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot.

In the heat of the moment, afterwards, his trainer said that Sure Blade would contest the July Stakes at Newmarket and the Richmond Stakes at Goodwood. However, Hills decided to scrap that plan, to give Sure Blade more time to mature, and prepare him instead for an autumn campaign, taking in today's race and the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket next month in the belief that he was a future 2,000 Guineas winner in the making.

When we discussed todays race earlier this week, Hills said that Sure Blade has done everything that he has asked of him at home since he was last seen in public and that he is delighted withis overall well being.

At Royal Ascot, Sure Blade comfortably beat Moorgate Man who, after a rest, then won the Group three Seaton Delaval Stakes at Newcastle. Tied to the subsequent achevements of Nomination at York and Goodwood: Stalker at Goodwood, Newcastle and York; Green Desert at Newmarket and Goodwood; and Bold Arrangement at Newcastle and Sandown – that is rock solid form: a foundation on which Sure Blade's case rests well.

Truly Nureyev, a fast finishing second in the race won by Stage Hand at Newmarket last month, is expected to go well but that was a race for maidens and I much prefer Sure Blade's group form qualification.

Native Oak, a decisive winner of his last race at Yarmouth, is preferred to Sharrood for the Laurent Perrier Rose Champagne Stakes at a difference of 4lb.

Stable companion **Saba Nejd** is fancied to give Paul Eddery a winning ride in the John Wootton Maiden Stakes at Goodwood following that highly encouraging run behind Stage Hand, Truly Nureyev and Exclusive North at Newmarket.

Also on the picturesque Sussex course, Guy Harwood seems to have found the right opportunity at long last for Young Runaway in the Court Hill Stakes. Even if one forgets his excellent form last season, Young Runaway only has to run as will a he did in the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot to have this prize at his mercy. Last year he won the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster and then finished second to Oh So Sharp in the Solario at Sandown.

Mac's Reef, an admirably consistent three-year-old, will give as good as he gets in the Selhurst Park Stakes following those stoute efforts at Newbury Goodwood and York in July and August.

Course specialists

DONCASTER

TRAINERS: H Cecil 26 wins from 82 runners, 31 7%. L Cumani 18 from 59, 30 5%. W Hern 20 from 76 26 3%

JOCKEYS: L Piggott 37 wins from 185 rides, 20 0% S Cauthen 28 from 193, 14.5%, W Carson 34 from 234 14 5%

GOODWOOD

TRAINERS: H Cecil 27 wins from 87 runners, 31 0% J Tree 15 from 55, 27 3% W Hern 39 from 144 17 1%

JOCKEYS: G Starkey 36 wins from 198 rides, 18 2% G Baxter 16 from 120 13 3% P Cook 15 from 124 12 1%

Americans head for Aintree

By Christopher Goulding

The Grand National will be the objective for two American horses this season. Bewley's Hill, an eight-year-old gelding, who has won a Maryland Hunt Cup, is now in training with John Webber at Banbury. Later in the year Steeple Jack, winner of the Maryland Hunt Cup last year from Bewley's Hill, is also expected to join Webber.

Bewley's Hill will be ridden by his owner, Dixon Stroud, director of a grocery chain. Stroud has now taken up residence in this country with his family in preparation to achieve his once-in-a-lifetime goal.

Mrs Stroud, the horses' trainer in the United States, said yesterday: "We came over to watch the National two years ago when our friend Joy Carrier was riding, and we were encouraged to have a go at the race by Charlie Fenwick, who won the 1980 event on Ben Nevis. Bewley's Hill is expected to run in six weeks' time."

John Webber, who will train the American hopes

Townley Stone, the top-class novice chaser that John Webber bred and trained successfully last year, will not be running in this country this season as his owner has decided to campaign him with Martin Blackshaw in France. However, Webber has Townley Stone's half-sister Auntie Dot, who recently finished second in a bumpers race when making her racecourse debut.

Blinkered first time

DONCASTER: 2.0 Eastform, Hit the Heights.
GOODWOOD: 5.0 Conwy River

Yesterday's results

Doncaster

Going: good to firm

2.00 (6f) 1. CATHERINES WELL (K Hodgson, 9-2 fav); 2. Slate Market (M Wood 12-1); 3. Victoria Falls (T Ives, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Dons Chorus, 9 Monstrosa, 11 Taufanson, 12 Bargain Pack (5th), Baxtergate, Nap King Cole, 16 Archandoubleyou (4th) Togdale, 20 Athlete's Week, Foolish Times, Hannah Reed, Hello My Sweet, Sandron, Sigrid's Secret, 33 Cabask, Musical Minstrel, Penryn Boy, Ma Fleur, Star Crimson. 22 ran. NR: Moloch. 3L, nk, 1½L, 2L, ¾L. M W Easterby at Sheriff Hutton. Tote £4.60; £1.50, £7.50, £2.30. DF £48.10 CSF £59.81. 1min 14.56sec. Bought in for 9,400 guineas.

2.35 (1m 2f 50yd) 1. MAUMANN (B Thomson, 8-1); 2. Immortal Dancer (L Piggott, 13-8 fav); 3. Duelling (T Williams, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Indian Sign (4th), 11 Tockala, 12 Redden, 14 Elann Steel Venture, 16 Flying Scotsman, Martian Baby (6th), 20 Rostherne (5th) 25 The Lodge Prince, Gourbonist, 50 Valerio. 14 ran. 1½L, ¾L, 3L, 2½L, 3L. B Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £11.10; £2.40, £1.40, £1.90. DF: £6.40 CSF £20.66 Tricast £117.24. 2min 07.09sec.

3.10 (5f 140yds) 1. LOCHTILLUM (R Cochrane, 14-1); 2. Petrovich (W Carson, 13-2); 3. Woodfold (A Mackay, 9-1); 4. Tobermory Boy (L Piggott, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 6 fav Hilton Brown, 15-2 Polykratis, 11 Peckitts Well, China Gold (5th), 12 George William, 14 Ardrox Lad (6th), Puccini, 16 Dawn's Delight, Chaplin's Club, 20 Plencourt 25 Sound of the Sea, Morse Pip Young Angel 17 ran. Nk, Nk, ½l, ½l, nk. J Douglas-Home at East Hendred. TOTE: £13.20; £3.20, £1.40, £1.60, £1.50 DF: £52.90 CSF: £96.20 Tricast: £796.69. 1min 6.71sec.

3.40 (7f) 1. LUCKY RING (W Carson, 11-2); 2. Efisio (T Ives, 10-1); 3. Soprano (L Piggott, 4-1). ALSO RAN 7-4 fav Protector (5th), 11-2 Over the Ocean (6th), 12 Braddells (4th); 40 For Certain, 66 Red Russell. 8 ran. ¾l, 1l, nk, ¾l, 1½l. W Hern at West Ilsley. TOTE: £4.60; £2.10, £1.60, £1.40. DF: £17.20. CSF: £47.67. 1min 25.74sec

4.10 (2m 2f) 1. SPICY STORY (S Cauthen 7-4 fav); 2. Bourbon Boy (M L Thomas, 11-4); 3. Bespoke (W Carson, 13-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Inde Pulse, 12 Destroyer (6th) 13 Centroline, 14 Petrozzo (5th), 16 Wagoner (4th). 8 ran. Nk, 4l, 1l, 5l, not recorded. I Balding at Kingsclere. TOTE. £2.20; £1.30, £1.20, £1.80. DF £5.70. CSF: £6.81. 3min 56.38sec.

4.40 (1m) 1. MIDWAY LADY (L Piggott, 11-2); 2. Tender Loving Care (B Thomas, 10-1); 3. Moonlight Lady (P Cook, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Cocotte (4th), 11-4 Maysoon (6th), 3 Lucayan Princess (5th). 6 ran. 3l, ¾l, 1l, ½l, 1½l. B Hanbury at Newmarket. TOTE £3.50; £1.70, £1.50. DF: £11.30. CSF £44.98. 1min 38.93sec.
PLACEPOT £95.50. Jackpot not won.

Salisbury

Going: good to firm

1.15 (1m 2f) 1. MATRAH (A Murray, 5-1); 2. Scots Lass (J Mercer, 100-30 jt-fav); 3. Norfolk Flyer (R Hills, 100-30 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Inherit The Wind (4th), 10 Star Above (6th), 12 Travel Again, 14 Forgiving (5th), 16 Manin Place, 20 Subtlety, 33 Bold Apple, 50 Roman Track, Slip Sail, Wugby. NR. Roman Track. 12 ran. 3l, 2½l, 4l, 3l, 1½l. H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. TOTE £6.90; £2.20, £1.40, £1.30. DF: £5.90 CSF £20.70. 2min 7.24sec.

1.45 1. NISNAS (T Quinn, 14-1); 2. Tanuf (A Kimberley, 11-2); 3. Codices (G Starkey, 6-4 fav). ALSO RAN 5 Mighty Memory (4th), Timberwood, 20 Grandangus, 25 First Bill, Heysham Highbold, Roaming Weir (6th), 33 Brokers Dream, Ideally, Itthaad, Lost Island (5th), 50 Eastern Player, 100 Formidable George, Gershwin, Psmith, Ruggles, The Ute. 20 ran. Nk, 1½l, 4l, ½l, 5l. P Cole at Lambourn. TOTE. £34.90; £6.70, £2.20, £1.50. DF £107.20 CSF £87.10. 1min 28.00sec.

2.15 (7 fur) 1. ZAHDAM (G Starkey, 12-1); 2. Thresh It Out (A Kimberley, 7-2); 3. Bold Borderer (J Reid, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Ministralls (6th), 12 Bucolic, 14 Auersberg, Dunston, Gods Path, Swiss Nephew, 16 Headlong (4th), Tom Rum, 20 Dark Heritage, 25 Albert Hall (5th), Le Moulin, 33 Arbitde, Big Decision, Mongul Chief, Northinch, Out Yonder, Windy Hollow. 20 ran. 5l, hd, 3l, 2l, 1½l. G Harwood at Pulborough. TOTE £9.50; £3.20, £2.10, £1.70. DF £15.10 CSF £58.65. 1min 28.78sec.

2.45 (6f) 1. ALA MAHLIK (G Starkey 7-2); 2. Royal Nugget (A Kimberley 8-11 fav); 3. Stately Lass (G Duffield 13-2). ALSO RAN: 9 Grantiva, 20 Raismhell (5th) 25 Ask Mama (6th) Grisette, Nutsharnbics, Warm Welcome (4th) 50 Danish Fantasy, Sancilia. 11 ran. NR: Prissy Miss. Hd, 2l, 3l, 2l, hd. F Durr at Newmarket. TOTE £4.00; £1.50, £1.10, £1.70. DF £2.60 CSF £6.61. 1min 13.77sec.

3.15 (7f) 1. FINTRY HILLS (G Starkey 6-1); 2. Royaan (K Radcliffe 14-1); 3. Wind From The West (R Hills, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Gurteen Boy (5th), 7 Winter Term, 8 Koryphaos, 9 Track Marshall, 10 Maazi (6th), 16 Single Sparkford Lad, 20 Nicky Nick (4th), 25 Reveille, 33 Welsh Glory, 50 Flodabay, Pendona. 15 ran. Sh hd, 1l, sh hd, ¾l, 2½l. G Harwood at Pulborough. TOTE £9.00; £2.80, £6.00, £2.50. DF £161.50. CSF £79.92. Tricast £520.47. 1min 27.50sec.

3.45 (1m) 1. DARING (G Starkey 6-1); 2. Indian Hal (N Howe, 9-2 jt-fav); 3. Foot Patrol (A McGlone, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 jt-fav Arbitrage, 9 Ewe Lamb (5th), 10 Tom Forrester, 12 Fevden (6th), Portogon, Singing Boy (4th), Sharp Shot, 14 Avec Coeur, Marsh Harrier. 12 ran. 3l, hd, sh hd, 2l, hd. G Harwood at Pulborough. TOTE. £5.50; £2.10, £1.40, £12.50. DF £7.90. CSF £32.70. Tricast £193.39. 1min 41.73sec.

4.15 (1m 2f) 1. IN PERPETUITY (B Rouse, 7-2); 2. Levigatus (N Day, 12-1); 3. Zylophone (N Howe, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Dancing Decoy, 9-2 Touch of Luck, 7 Romfaea (5th), 12 Shrill Intoxication, 25 Taesvano (6th), 33 Bedspring, Edeleau (4th), Lady Firepower. 12 ran. 1½l, 1½l, 2½l, ¾l, 2½l. J Dunlop at Arundel. TOTE. £5.10; £1.70, £3.40, £3.70. DF. £29.90. CSF £42.41. 2min 08.98sec.

4.45 (7f) 1. HAWAIIAN PALM (S Raymont, 11-4); 2. Hills of Arran (G Duffield, 11-2); 3. Made to Order (G Starkey, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Sure Ground, 8 Mr Whats-His-Name (4th), 10 Spartan Valley, 12 Autumn Flutter, 14 Mudrik, 16 Samanpour (6th), 20 Shah's Choice, 33 Beldale Birdie, Haddon Lad, Rak My Brain, Sales Promoter, Son of Sparkler (5th), Star Shiner. 16 ran. NR: Twice Bold. 1l, ½l, 1½l, 2l, 1½l. J Tree at Marlborough. TOTE. £3.80; £2.10, £1.10, £1.90, £3.10. DF: £8.80. CSF: £19.29. 1m 28.70sec.

5.15 (7f) 1. PACTOLUS (G Starkey, 6-4 fav); 2. Duff (B Proctor, 6-1); 3. Diwaan (J Mercer, 15-2). ALSO RAN 4 Ganoon (5th), 8 Beau Mirage, 12 Ile de Roi (4th), 16 Key Date, 20 Mr Adviser, 25 Owl Castle, 33 Brent Riverside, Comedy Prince, Gay Caruso, Silca Chiavi (6th), Take the Biscuit, Tommy Way. 15 ran. NR: First Dibs. 1l, 2½l, hd, ¾l, 3l. G Harwood at Pulborough. TOTE: £2.40; £1.20, £1.50, £2.00. DF £10.80 CSF £11.85. 1m 29.04sec.
PLACEPOT £16.30

Newton Abbot

2.30 (2m 150yd hdle) 1. **Atthassos** (P Leach, 11-4 jt fav); 2. Pampered Gipsy (7-2); 3. Broche (11-4 jt fav). 10l, 2½l. 8 ran. M Pipe. Tote: £3.00; £1.10, £1.90, £1.20. £10.60. CSF £12.07.

3.0 (2m 150yd ch) 1. **State Case** (J Duggan 15-8); 2. Deep Ridge (11-10 fav); 3. Lucy far (11-2). 10l, 15l. 6 ran. P Bailey. Tote: £3.00; £1.70, £1.30, £2.30. CSF £4.39

3.30 (3m 2f 100yd ch) 1. **Prince Bel** (H Davies 5-4 fav); 2. Final Clear (10-1); 3. Prince Buskins (5-1). 15l, sh hd. 11 ran. R Champion. Tote: £2.40; £1.50, £3.30, £1.10. DF £14.80 CSF £13.53

4.00 (2m 150 yd hdle) 1. **Noble Mount** (P Leach, 3-1 fav); 2. Tagio (8-1); 3. Lector (7-1). 3l, 1½l. 10 ran. NR Fortold. M Pipe. TOTE £4.50; £1.10, £2.90, £1.10. DF £60.70 CSF £26.33. Tricast £142.87

4.30 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1. **Jerpoint Jessey** (B Wright, 14-1); 2. Maid of Steel (9-2); 3. Sportswords (12-1). Joscilla 6-4 fav. 20l, 3l. 12 ran. NR Gain The Day, Travail Girl. T Hallett. TOTE £24.20; £5.00, £2.10, £4.10. DF £39.10 CSF £78.52

5.00 (3m 2f 100yd hdle) 1. **Border Gem** (R Millmen, 11-1); 2. The Owls (9-2); 3. Donegal Hope (12-1). Ambiance Evens fav. 8l, ¾l. 9 ran. C Luxton. TOTE. £9.00; £1.80, £1.40, £3.30. DF £14.40 CSF £56.60. Placepot: £29.10.

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3	p00-	FIGHTING ROCKET N Mitchell 8-11-2	Mrs E Mitchell
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14	00/op-	WIBIS RANGE R Crellin 6-11-2	J Wethen 7
16	00-ot	CATON BOY A Dunn 4-11-0	Philip Hobbs
19	ff0-3	HODNET Mrs N Smith	S Shilston
20	00-	MASTER PEPPER B Forsey 4-11-0	P Croucher
21	00-40	TAMERTOWN LAD (BF) J Jenkins 4-11-0	S Sherwood
23		YABIS J Sutcliffe 4-11-0	P Barton
26	pp-0	FACE THE CLIMATE K Bailey 6-10-11	P Croucher
27		FIRST WHISPER L Kennard 5-10-11	B Powell
30	000-	ACTON TURVILLE J King 4-10-9	S Smith Eccles
31	0	CRIMSON LADY P Rodford 4-10-9	C Gray
32	4020-	CRIMSON SOL G Thorner 4-10-9	-
33		DOURAINE'S LIGHT W G Turner 4-10-0	Tracey Turner 7
34	0-b34	PETITE MIRAGE J Bosley 4-10-9	M Bosley 7

1984: Div I: Spanish Point 5-11-2 C Brown (9-4) D Sasse 7 ran.
Div II: Cradle of Jazz 4-11-0 G Bradley (9-4) fav) J Old 7 ran.

5-2 Hodnet, 3 Yabis, 4 Petite Mirage, 6 Tamertown Lad, 8 Crimson Sol, 10 Acton Turville, 12 First Whisper, 14 others.

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2.15 Yabis. 2.45 North Yard. 3.15 Come on Gracie. 3.45 Patsy Pennall. 4.15 Grundy Lane. 4.45 Fethard Friend.

2.45 APPLEDORE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,199: 2m 5f) (7)

1	324-1	NORTH YARD (C) P Hobbs 9-11-10	Philip Hobbs
2	322-3	LATIN AMERICAN (BF) T Forster 8-11-9	R Dunwoody
4	3013	CROWN LAND (CD) (C) J Jenkins 10-11-3	S Sherwood
6	1-302	MAGGIE DEE R Frost 8-10-0	J Frost
7	013-4	QUITE HOT (B) N Ayliffe 6-10-0	-
8	2020-	GREY TARQUIN J Bridger 13-10-0	R Goldstein
9	3/30-0	FABIAN-SONG (CD) T Hallett 14-10-0	Samantha Dunster 7

1984: Princely Lad 6-10-2 P Scudamore (11-4) M Tate 5 ran.

7-4 North Yard, 5-2 Quite Hot, 4 Latin American, 7 Crown Land, 10 Maggie Dee, 14 Grey Tarquin, 25 Fabian-Song.

3.15 HORSE AND HOUND WEST COUNTRY CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,989: 2m 5f 110yds) (13)

2	b-	SEVERN SOLITAIRE D Wintle 6-12-7	
4	2-022	GAMBLING PRINCE (BF) Mrs G Jones 12-11-7	N Jones 7
10	0-r00	DUKE OF DOLLIS R Armytage 6-10-11	
13	2100-	MAJUBA ROAD D Barons 5-10-9	R Barons 7
17	000-0	SARATINO L Kennard 5-10-5	Mrs K Rees 7
22	2-000	MAGIC MINK (B) (C) R Holder 5-10-0	Mrs Louise Murphy 7
23	2104-	COME ON GRACIE M Pipe 4-10-0	-
24	42-41	KAMAG D Holly 7-10-0 (7 ex)	Mrs R Vickery
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28	31f-4	TESTING TIMES (C) Miss S Waterman 7-10-0	Miss S Waterman 7
30	3/300-	HODAKA B Cambridge 6-10-0	J Cambridge 4
32	400-0	KEN LAKE R Pincombe 12-10-0	I Dowrick 7

1984: Gathabawn 8-10-5 Mr R Treloggen (16-1) Mrs E Harden 13 ran

2 Gambling Prince, 3 Come On Gracie, 9-2 Kamag, 6 Testing times, 8 Duke of Dollis 10 Wells O'Wearie, 14 others.

3.45 PARRACOMBE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£616: 2m 150yds) (15)

1	043p-	MAURICE'S TIP (C) W G Turner 7-12-7	Tracy Turner 7
3	3131p/	CROYDON HALL (CD) P Hobbs 10-11-0	Peter Hobbs
4	30/po	TIDY WORK L Waring 10-10-10	George Knight
6	200-0	LAW BENCH Mrs S Hembrow 13-10-9	Mr L Harvey 7
8	00/00	MANDABO R Brown 9-10-8	J Brown 7
10	010/2-	PATSY PENNALL M Pipe 5-10-6	P Leach
11	0000-	BELL HOP G Ham 9-10-5	B Powell
12	0040-	CARFLAX G Ham 7-10-4	S McKay 7
16	244/0-	WILD RYE A Chamberlain 8-10-1	E Murphy 7
18	1030-	MAGIC MOUSE A Aylett 9-10-0	
19	004-4	GO PERSIAN B Venn 8-10-0	
22	0/00-4	MODERN MAN J Bradley 5-10-0	G Davies
25	00-04	UNCLE DAI D Holly 6-10-0	C Seward
27	4p3p-	IRISH NOBLE (CD) W Pincombe 10-10-0	C Gray
28	000-p	SANMERINO SOL (B) J Bradley 6-10-0	

1984: Deo Gratias 9-12-0 P Leach (100-30) M Pipe 8 ran.

3 Patsy Pennal, 7-2 Wild Rye, 4 Uncle Dai, 6 Maurice's Tip, 8 Bell Hop, 10 Go Persian, 12 Law Bench, 14 others.

4.15 TORRINGTON NOVICES HURDLE (3-y-o: £853: 2m 150 yds) (7)

3		CORZEIRO D Murray Smith 10-7	C Brown
4	2	GRUNDY LANE (B) (BF) M Pipe 10-7	P Leach
7	40	NOBLE JESTER (B) R Holder 10-7	P Richards
8	0023	OPTIMOSA (BF) R Frost 10-7	J Frost
9	24	RED BOLT G Ham 10-7	R Rowe
12	23	TASHONYA (BF) J Jenkins 10-7	S Sherwood
16		WHOEVER D Barons 10-7	P Nicholls

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Evens Grundy Lane, 3 Tashonya, 4 Red Bolt, 10 Optimosa, 12 Corzeiro, 16 Noble Jester, 20 Whoever.

4.45 NORTHAM HANDICAP CHASE (£2,385: 3m 2f 100yds) (8)

1	01-21	FETHARD FRIEND (CD) J Edwards 10-12-0	P Barton
3	103-f	EBONY BILL K Bailey 10-10-9	P Croucher
5	20-00	SEGAHAN DAM J Bridger 11-10-5	Mr L Fogerty
6	03-22	KING SPRUCE R Champion 11-10-4	Mrs J Carner
7	1-21f	BALLYCARN (C) (BF) L Kennard	B Powell
9	1221-	MARCHANT (CD) J Thorne 13-10-0	P Dever
11	44-10	BARGELLO SON N Kernick 8-10-0	George Knight
12	430-3	BUCK-ROYALE T P Tory 12-10-0	R Dunwoody

1984: Marchant 13-10-7 P Dever (6-1) J Thorne 8 ran.

11-10 Fethard Friend, 4 Ebony Bill, 6 Marchant, 7 King Spruce, 10 Bargello Son, 12 Buck Royale, 14 others.

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The African Development Bank (ADB), the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD), the Caisse Centrale de Cooperation Economique (CCCE) and the Mauritanian government are co-financing the project of the new Nouakchott Diesel Power Station. For this purpose, the companies having good references in the field of diesel power station, MV and LV distribution are invited to submit their prequalification documents.

The works to be carried out are as follows:

Lot No 1 – Civil works: Mainly consisting of: a 3 level power house including electrical and mechanical workshops, offices, an engine hall, a control room, a relay room, a common service room, a 15kV substation, a heavy fuel oil treatment building and a store building.

Lot No 2 – Diesel engines: Supply and installation of 4 diesel engines, each rated 7 MW. The engines to be provided with all auxiliaries and required spare parts will be conventional 4 strokes with HFO mechanical injection, start-up with LFO. The synchroneous generator will be directly driven, nominal voltage 5.5 kV, power factor 0.8. An emergency set rated 630 kVA is included in the supply.

Lot No 3 – Electrical equipment: Supply and installation of the electrical equipment related to: the 15 kV substation, the relay room, the control room, AC and DC auxiliaries, 4 transformers rated 10 MVA, 4 unit transformers, lighting and distibution network, earthing and telephone network, a 15 kV substation, 1 set of spare parts.

Interested companies must supply their prequalification documents comprising among others: Technical references, banking references, financial statements for the last three years, references of similar *projects already carried out in Africa and/or in the third-world with* certificates of services, type of material and date of commissioning, client training capability, after-sales service, etc.

Lots Nos 1, 2 and 3 will be purchased according to the rules of the public contracts applicable in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and according to the rules and procedures of the ADB and AFESD by international call for tenders.

Two copies of the documents, in French language, are to be sent, under double sealed envelope whereas the outside envelope shall bear the mention: "A Monsieur le President de la Commission des Marches de la SONELEC, SONELEC, B.P. 355, Nouakchott, Republic Islamique de Mauritanie – A n'ouvrir qu'en commission des marches".

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HALF-YEAR STATEMENT 1985

The Great Northern Group's net profit after tax and minorities for the six months ended June 30 1985 was 80 million Dkr., an increase of 27 million Dkr. compared to the first six months of 1984.

The result from ordinary operations showed an increase of 19 million Dkr. to 52 million Dkr.

The Group turnover – like the ordinary result – was affected negatively by industrial action in the spring but, none the less, showed an increase of 18% to approximately 1,200 million Dkr.

GNT Automatic showed a marked improvement in the result, and Lk. Elmi and Great Northern Telecommunications also showed progress, whereas Danavox recorded a decline in the result. In Hellesens, the efforts to improve the result did not yet have effect, and the company still showed a loss. *The enterprises established in* 1984, GN MicroSystems, GN netcom and LK Power Systems, developed at a slower rate than expected and thereby caused a heavier strain on the Group result than foreseen. However, they still show good prospects.

The Parent Company is disposing of some of its interests in apartment buildings with a view to increasing investments in the industrial activities. As a consequence, the Group's extraordinary income in the six months was 20 million Dkr. larger than in the first six months of 1984, and unlike last year there were no significant extraordinary expenses.

The result from ordinary operations in the last six months of the year is also expected to show improvement. To this will be added further extraordinary income from the sale of real property. It is therefore expected that Great Northern's net profit for 1985 will show good progress.

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The Statutory Declaration of the Directors and the Auditors' Report required by section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company shown below from the date of this Notice until 8th October 1985 during business hours.

Any creditor of the Company may at any time until 8th October 1985 apply to the court under section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 for an order prohibiting the payment.

By order of the Board
C. STARLING.
Secretary

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By Order of the Council
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Secretary.

Motoring by Clifford Webb

Europe's car giants put the foot down

Frankfurt

At the Frankfurt Motor Show two years ago West German car manufacturers Launched a campaign to persuade the Federal government not to take unilateral action to impose tough measures to clean up exhaust pollution, which would have led to a trade war with West Germany's neighbours.

At this year's West German Motor Show, which opened to the public yesterday, the "Big Three", VW, Mercedes and BMW, are beating the publicity drum again. This time they want to prevent the Government imposing speed restrictions on their beloved autobahns.

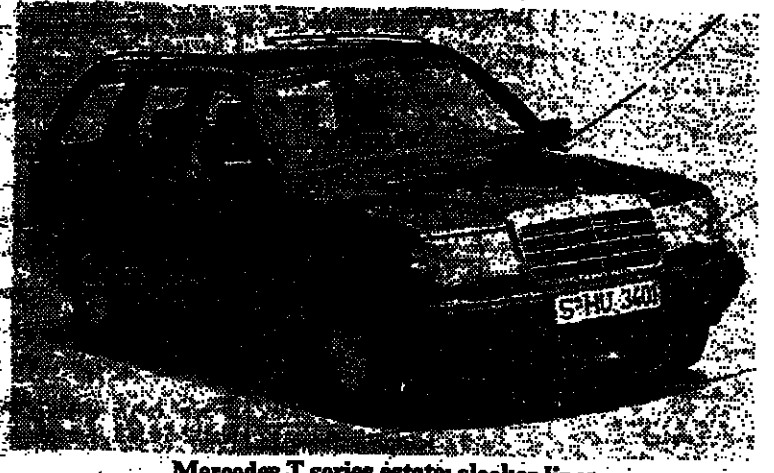
The exhaust emission campaign was more like a "toot on the bugle," compared with the full-scale military band which Europe's most powerful motor industry is now orchestrating in defence of unlimited speeds. The emission battle was one of timing rather than principle and when the Government indicated that it would fall into step with the rest of Europe, provided Brussels advanced the timing of EEC emission proposals, motor industry chiefs were delighted.

And so they should be. West Germany already produces more cars with catalytic exhaust converters for export to the United States than the whole of the rest of the EEC. It has simply to switch a bigger proportion of export-type cars to its domestic market.

But there was a second, and much less-publicized reason for the original emission campaign. It diverted attention from the growing unrest about autobahn speeds. The anti-speed lobby had failed to make out a case for lower speeds on the grounds of the number of accidents caused solely by speed. Indeed, all the statistical data suggested that autobahns were safer than slower roads.

But there was much more worrying evidence that atmospheric pollution increased alarmingly at high speeds, and could be the real culprit behind the devastation of Germany's vast pine forests. The cry in Germany today is not "clean exhausts save forests" but "lower speeds save forests".

There is, however, a down-to-earth economic factor behind the motormen's opposition to autobahn limits. They would reduce exports to the United States and other major markets, which account for well over one-third of total German car production.



Mercedes T series estate: sleeker lines

Nissan's MID 4: bidding for European "style"

National product defended

One after another West German car chiefs laid out their stall at the show. Dr Carl Hahn chairman of Volkswagen, told his massive press conference that the image of the German car overseas was founded on its ability to cope with the fastest roads in the world.

He warmed to his task: "I must state quite clearly all German manufacturers would be massively affected, not in the short term but in the long-term. We cannot afford to have any harm done to the reputation of the products of one of he key branches of our national economy, which is the country's number one exporter."

In the event that someone had missed the crux of his argument, he added that VW and its sister company Audi, had between them recruited nearly 19,000 new workers in the past two years.

BMW's head, Herr Eberhard Von Kuenheim, was next into the ring. BMW has been having a hard time in the West German market recently but has still managed to take on another 2,300 workers. But he had a new line in addition to the possible damage to the image of German cars. If a speed limit of 100 kph (62mph) became law, as the anti-speed lobby was suggesting, foreign manufacturers would flood the country with cheap cars capable of sustaining such slow speeds.

Professor Werner Breitschwerdt, chairman of Daimler Benz, the most profitable of all Europe's car manfacturers, was brief and the point. "There is no need for drastic restrictions such as blanket speed limits", he said.

However, he conceded later: "That is barring the possibility that the government-sponsored test currently in progress reveals more advantages for the environment from a speed limit than from a rapid, broadly-based changeover to low pollutant cars."

He also had a word of warning for West Germany's European neighbours. They should not count on increasing their sales at the expense of West German manufacturers. The Japanese "would be sure not to miss such a golden opportunity."

Nissan style

– Nissan is embarking on an expensive programme to give its cars more "style" in European eyes, even if it means losing sales in Japan. This further evidence of the extent to which Japan's second biggest car maker has its eye set firmly on increased European penetration was made at the show by one of the company's top executives, Mr Yoshitada Uchiyama. He admitted, rather surprisingly for a Japanese, that Nissan cars were too conservative and lacked personality.

On the Nissan stand was one of its new breed, the Porsche-like MID 4, the company's first mid-engine sports car. It could go into production next year. Powered by a new three-litre, 24-valve V6 engine, mounted between the "cabin" and the centre of the rear wheels, it drives all four wheels.

Belated start in estate cars

Mercedes have unveiled their second generation estate cars, based on the new W 124 mid-range saloons, which go on sale in Britain in October. The "T" series estates are not due here until next spring, although Britain is one of the best markets for Mercedes estates. More than 12,000 have been sold here.

The Stuttgart company got into the estate car business rather belatedly because too many of its executives were convinced that havng models in their line-up which also doubled as cargo carriers would devalue their zealously – guarded "top people's" image.

It was a surprising viewpoint, to say the least, for a company whose famous three-point star has long graced most of Europe's taxis. The success of the first estate model shows how wrong that view was. It created an entirely new market for the company, adding an additional 200,000 cars to their sales over the last eight years.

The new estate, with its sleeker lines and rounded rear end, uses the excellent multi-link rear suspension first introduced on the trend-setting Mercedes 190. On the "T" it is self-levelling to compensate for heavy loads.

Also on show at Frankfurt for the first time is the revised and face-lifted "S" series of large saloons. Exteriors are noticeably smoother, with big wrap-around bumpers, discreet spoilers and lower sills.

But most of the emphasis has gone into the engines. The extensively-reworked range of six and eight cylinder units will be available with various stages of anti-pollution equipement right up to the toughest United States catalytic converter standard.

The "S" model that most people were talking about, however, is the new top-of-the-range 560 SEL or SEC. To increase the capacity of the big V8 from five litres to 5.6, the cylinders are bored out and the stroke lengthened. Power is increased to 300 bhp, giving a claimed top speed of 155mph and a 0 to 60mph time of only 6.2 secs for such a large car.

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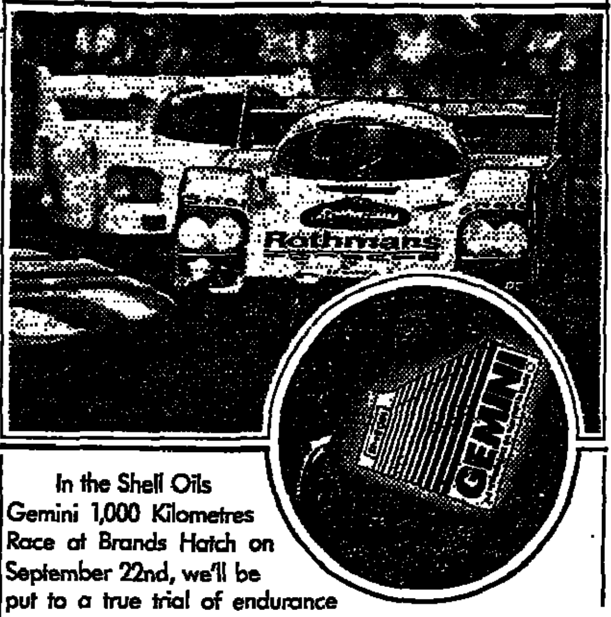

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ALGEO. – On September 3, to Richard and Sue (née Renard), a son (Jonathan Henry), a brother for Lucy and Nicholas.

ARNOLD – On September 12, at the *Lindo Wing, St Mary's Hospital, to* Ruth (née Farbridge) and Roderick, a daughter, Victoria Catherine MacDonald.

BAILEY – On September 10, to Diana and Roger, a daughter, Eleanor Catrin, a sister for Thomas and Juliet.

BAMFORD.–On September 9, 1985, at the Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, to Jacqueline (née Fitzmaurice) and John–a daughter (Rebecca Louise).

BEESON on September 11th to Rosalind (nee Mead) and Nick, a daughter, Cassandra Rosalind Cathryn.

CALDECOTT.–On Sept 6th to Rosalind (nee Howell) and Rupert, a daughter.

GOODWIN – On September 11th, to Edwina and Peter, a son Adam Douglas Power, a brother for Bridget.

HODGSON on August 30th to Anne (nee Woodley) and Duncan, a son Paul Benjamin Granville, a brother for Neil.

HOWES – On September 10 in Paris to Julia (nee MacLehose) + James, a daughter Rosalind Elizabeth.

IVEY on 19th August 1985, to Beverly *and Neil a daughter, Prudence Kate.*

MATTHEWS - On September 6, at Bangour Hospital, Edinburgh, to John and Maggie (née Crichton), a son, Dougal Peter, a grandson for Mike and Mary Matthews.

MEAD – see under Beeson.

MESTON – On September 12, to Elizabeth and William, a son, Dougall William.

RALSTON – On August 30, 1985 in Auckland, New Zealand, to Georgina and Jolyon, a son.

SMELT – On September 11 (her father's birthday) at *Treliske* Hospital, Truro, to Maurice and Ann, a daughter, Lucy Morvah.

STEGER on September 6th, at St Thomas's, to Jennifer (née Morgan) and Adrian a son, (Alexander), a brother for Katharine.

***VALLANCE-OWEN** – On September* 10, to Frances (née Glover) and Andrew, a son, Simon Huw, a brother for Anthony.

BIRTHDAYS

DAVID. Happy 40th birthday. A bit pretentious for a Daily Mail reader. Love and kisses, Sarah.

MARRIAGES

ADAM : HANWELL. – On September 7th, 1985, at St Andrew's Church, Rochford, Essex, Hamish Macmillan, son of Dr James and Mrs Christine Adam of Harpenden, Herts., to Sarah Louise, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs *Anthony E. Hanwell of Gusted Hall,* Hawkwell, Essex.

DEATHS

ANDERSON - On Saturday September 7, *peacefully in Copenhagen,* Dagmar, widow of Lennart. Much beloved mother of Robin, Birgitta, Ida-Maria and Anna-Greta and Elnar and beloved grandmother of Chris, Neils and Nils.

BARBER.–On September 10th, Doris Viola, aged 90, of 327 High Street, Felixstowe, formerly secretary of the Sheffield Educational Settlement Shipton Street. Funeral at Ipswich Crematorium at 2.45 p.m. on Monday, September 16th.

BARNETT on 11th September 1985 Dame Henrietta (Molly). Peacefully at Woodstock at 11.15am on Tuesday 17th September. Private internment at Glympton, family flowers only, donations if desired to Woodstock Church, c/o Barclays Bank, Woodstock.

CULVER, NAN, widow of Roland Culver, on September 11, at the Sue Ryder Home, Nettlebed.

DOWN – On September 11, 1985 peacefully in her sleep, Lady Dorothy Georgina, aged 91 years, widow of Lt-General Sir Ernest Down, KBE, CB, and much loved mother of *Pauline. Funeral private. No flowers* or letters please.

FREEMAN. Peacefully on 11th September 1985 at Aroona House, Freshford, Bath, Kathleen Alice, aged 93 years, formerly on Tewkesbury and Bath. Much loved mother, grand*mother and great grandmother.*

GRIFFITH – On September 11, 1985 Guy, of 1 Springfield Road, Cambridge, peacefully, loved very dearly by his wife, children and grandchildren.

KEMP – On September 7, 1985 at Bristol, William James, aged 29, of 36 Preston Road, Yeovil. Beloved son of Mary and Stanley and brother of John. Funeral service at St John the Baptist Church, Yeovil, on Friday September 13 at 12 noon. Donations to Radio Therapy Centre, Bristol for Cancer Research, if desired, c/o G H Cook and Son, Bond Street, Yeovil.

KLIENEBERGER – **NOBEL** On September 14th 1985, Emmy (D.Sc.) in her 94th year, after a long illness, at Avenue Lodge, 21 Ravenscroft Avenue, London NW11. Lovingly remembered by her family. Cremation at London Crematorium, Golders Green at 2.15pm on Monday, September 16th. No flowers please, but donations, if wished to S.O.S. Childrens Villages, 261 Lavender Hill, London SW11.

LEONARD On September 11th, after a long illness, Dr Edward Robert Leonard of Flat 7, 4 Morden Road, London, SE3. The much loved husband of Vera, father of Diana and grandfather of Hannah, Polly and Thomas.

MIDDLETON, Capt JOSEPH, ACC, *formerly of the Manchester Regiment – Peacefully, on 10th September,* 1985, at his home in Bournemouth. Cremation at Bournemouth Crematorium on Wednesday, 18th September at 2pm. All enquiries to W. Sheppard & Sons, 166 Windham Road, Bournemouth. Tel. (0202) 35915.

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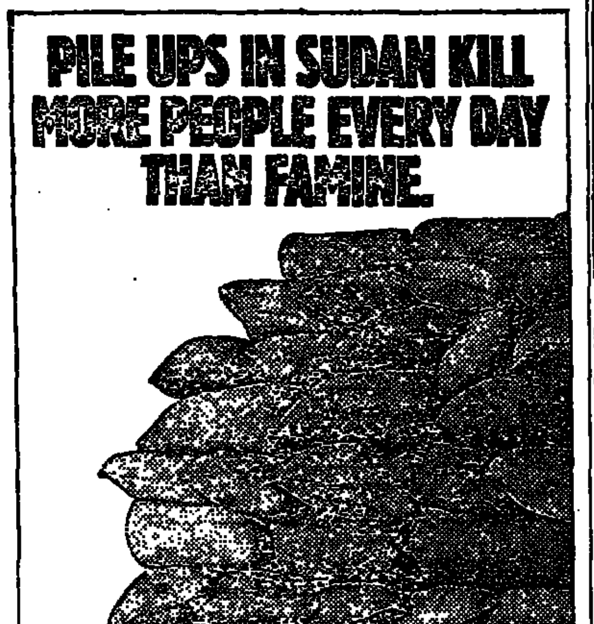

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6.00 **Ceefax AM**

6.50 **Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Nick Ross.** Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; pop video reviews at 7.32 and Lynn Faulds Wood's Danger Watch at 8.15. Plus: Emlyn Hughes on measures needed to put British football in order. Glynn Christian with week-end shopping advice. Alan Titchmarsh's gardening hints; and reports from the Belfry on the 1985 Bell's Scotch Ryder Cup

9.20 **International Golf:** The Bell's Scotch Ryder Cup between the United States and Europe over the Brabazon course at The Belfry, Warwickshire.

10.30 **Play School.**

10.50 **International Golf.** Further coverage from The Belfry. **12.30 Ceefax.**

1.00 **News After Noon** with Moira Stuart and Christopher Lowe. Followed by news headlines with subtitles. **1.25** Regional news. The weather details come from Bill Giles. **1.30 The Flumps** (r)

1.45 **International Golf.** The four-ball matches in the Bell's Scotch Ryder Cup at The Belfry. **3.52** Regional news.

3.55 **Little Misses and the Mister Men.** Little Miss Scatterbrain narrated by Pauline Collins and John Alderton. Mister Bounce read by Arthur Lowe (r). **4.10 Yogi Bear.** Two cartoons (r). **4.20 Beat the Teacher.** Another round of the pupil versus teacher quiz. **4.35 The Family-Ness.** Cartoon series about a family of monsters who live in Loch Ness (r)

4.40 **Rentaghost:** Part four of a five-episode comedy series about a family of friendly ghosts (r). **5.10 Gentle Ben.** Part one of a two-episode story featuring a young man with a pet bear (Ceefax). **5.35 The Flintstones.** Cartoon

6.00 **News** with Sue Lawley and Andrew Harvey. Weather.

6.35 **London Plus.**

7.00 **Wogan.** The guests are Penelope Keith, Jackie Collins, Kenneth Williams, Dexy's Midnight Runners and Fascinating Aida.

7.40 **Blankety Blank.** Les Dawson's panel this week is Joe Brown, Billy Dainty, Dana, Tessa Sanderson, Kathy Staff and Chris Tarrant.

8.10 **Dynasty.** Blake arouses Alexis's interest when he meets a delegation from China while Krystle is persuaded by Daniel to buy an Arab horse. Back at the Carrington house tensions rise when Jeff and Nicki return from Bolivia as man and wife (Ceefax).

9.00 **News** with Julia Somerville and John Humphrys. Followed by regional news and weather

9.30 **Murder of a Moderate Man.** Episode two of the political thriller (Ceefax) (see Choice).

10.20 **Omnibus at the Proms,** introduced by Jane Glover. The City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra conducted by Simon Rattle, perform Mahler's song-cycle, *Das Lied von der Erde*. The soloists are Jessye Norman (soprano) and Jon Vickers (tenor)

11.35 **Film: Promise Her Anything** (1966) starring Warren Beatty, Leslie Caron and Bob Cummings. Romantic comedy about a woman who arrives in Greenwich Village looking for a father for her 18-month-old son. She favours her paediatrician boss while the son seems to be stuck on the reprobate next door neighbour who earns his living making adult movies. Directed by Arthur Hiller

1.10 **Weather.**

TV-am

6.15 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.17, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; exercises at 6.20 and 9.17; sport at 6.35 and 7.34; Mr Magoo cartoon at 7.24; pop video at 7.55; Nigel Dempster's showbusiness gossip at 8.17; Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at 8.34; Susan Hampshire and the agony of childlessness at 9.04; the latest autumn fashions at 9 12.

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9.25 **Thames news headlines** followed by **Roger Ramjet.** Cartoon series

9.45 **Film: Sink or Swim** (1971) starring Jean-Paul Belmondo. Period escapade with Belmondo playing an adventurer who returns to France at the time of the Revolution after a period of exile in the United States for his anti-royalty activities. Directed by Jean-Paul Rappeneau

11.30 **About Britain: An Englishman's Wine.** A recent wine-tasting contest between Germany and England produced a surprise result when a wine from Norfolk was the overall winner.

12.00 **Heggerty Haggerty.** George Cole with another tale about the friendly witch (r). **12.10 Rainbow.** The puppets pretend to take a boat ride down a river (Oracle).

12.30 **All in a Day's Walk.** A botanist and a bird expert explore the shores of Lough Melvin on the County Fermanagh border (r).

1.00 **News at One** with Leonard Parkin. **1.20 Thames news.**

1.30 **Film: Rails Into Laramie** (1954) starring John Payne and Dan Duryea. Western adventure about building the railroad into Laramie. Directed by Jesse Hibbs. **3.00 The Adventurer.** (r) **3.25 Thames news** headlines. **3.30 Sons and Daughters.**

4.00 **Rainbow.** A repeat of the programme shown at 12.10. **4.15 Cartoon Time** (r). **4.25 Starstrider.** Quiz between teams representing schools from Wolverhampton, Bristol and Edinburgh.

4.50 **Illusions.** The first of a new series about magic. **5.15 Blockbusters.**

5.45 **News.**

6.00 **The 6 O'Clock Show.** Michael Aspel and his team take a look at the lighter side of London life

7.00 **Albion Market.** Chan and Hoa are the intended victims of a deception (Oracle).

7.30 **We Love TV** presented by Gloria Hunniford. Bob Carolgees and Mel Martin are joined by members of the public in a test of television programme recall (Oracle).

8.00 **South of the Border.** Brian Glover stars as the Yorkshireman forced to move south when his daughter changes jobs (Oracle).

8.30 **Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right.** Competitors test their knowledge of public opinion and their luck at the turn of a card

9.00 **Drummonds.** Drama serial set in an English preparatory school during the Fifties. Starring Richard Pescoe and Ciaran Madden (Oracle).

10.00 **News at Ten** with Sandy Gall and Pamela Armstrong.

10.30 **The Making of Modern London: London at War 1939-1945.** Londoners and archive film recall the horrors of the Blitz that struck London in the autumn of 1940

11.00 **Film: Delusions of Grandeur** (1971) starring Yves Montand. Drama about a Spanish grandee who plots revenge on the King who has dismissed him. Directed by Gerard Oury.

12.40 **Night Thoughts.**

Susan Fleetwood and Denis Quilley: BBC 1. 9.30 pm

CHOICE

● To come into the banana business, someone says in this week's edition of **COMMERCIAL BREAKS** (BBC 2, 9.30pm), you need guts. To stay in it, you need Nature and President Reagan on your side, and from what we learn of the experience of the Nicaraguans, banana skins have been dropped in their paths by both. The bottom is falling out of the Nicaraguan banana trade, and to make this point abundantly clear to non-economists, we see fruit spilling out of shattered packing crates. The hail of blows that struck the Nicaraguans began in May with Reagan's total embargo on trade with the left-wing republic. Switching their exports to Europe, the Nicaraguans have found their fruit being affected by a fungus disease, and their trading prospects being blighted by banana spies and well-entrenched competitors. The doors are now open to the sanctions-busters, in regard to which tonight's film inevitably makes the connection between benighted Nicaragua and beleagured South Africa.

● The ubiquituous American journalist in **MURDER OF A MODERATE MAN** (BBC 1, 9.30pm), whose activities are becoming increasingly suspicious, opines that a good reporter believes only in coincidence and cock-ups. This thriller serial, tersely scripted by John Howlett, takes cognizance of the over-simplication and, in fact, puts it to good use. So many fingers are in so many pies that I cannot foresee an early end to the story's high mortality rate. It is the thinking man's Ten Little Niggers.

● Also recommended last week's Prom performance, recorded, of Mahler's *Das Lied von der Erde*, with the City of Birmingham SO under Rattle's baton, and with soloists Jessye Norman and Jon Vickers (BBC 1, 10.20pm).

● Radio choice: Beethoven's Ninth (the Choral) fills the second half of tonight's Prom (Radio 3, 8.20pm). There won't be an empty seat in the Royal Albert Hall; and there shouldn't be a vacant chair in front of the radio set in any home where people profess to love glorious music. Other recommended listening: Brian Haines's portrait of "Schnozzle" Durante (Radio 2, 10.30pm); and Choral Evensong from Wells Cathederal (Radio 3, 4.00pm), with those deservedly famous choristers.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

6.30 **Open University: Hazardous Waste Disposal.** **6.55** The Social Primate. **7.20** Weekend Outlook. Ends at 7.25.

9.00 **Ceefax.**

2.45 **Racing and Golf.** Julian Wilson introduces coverage of four races from Goodwood – the Court Hill Stakes (3.00); the Valdoe Stakes (3.30); the Westhampnett Stakes (4.00); and the Selhurst Park Stakes (4.30). The commentators are Peter O'Sullevan, Jimmy Lindley and John Hanmer. Plus, the Bell's Scotch Ryder Cup from the Belfry.

6.45 **Names and Games.** Sixteen celebrities divided into four teams representing Music, Actors, Presenters and Children's Television, compete for the Ever Ready Trophy. Presented by Simon Bates who is assisted by Fern Britton and Anneka Rice. (r).

7.35 **With a Little Help From the Chip.** The third programme in the six-part series about how micro-technology can help the disabled. Filmed at the Ormerod School in Oxford, the programme features Andrew and Imran who use a computer as a way of talking to each other. Andrew has cerebral palsy and cannot speak; Imran is blind and English is his second language. By using the Concept keyboard and the Speakplus program they can communicate with each other and play together

8.00 **King's Country Summer.** The second film made by the award-winning cameraman Simon King capturing the beauty of Nature during the four seasons (first shown on BBC South).

8.30 **Gardeners' World.** Geoff Hamilton, Margaret Waddy and John Kelly are in the garden at Barnsdale storing and planting vegetables for winter and spring and choosing evergreen shrubs for planting now. Lucy Evans has advice on growing soft fruit in a confined space.

9.00 **My Music.** Lighthearted musical quiz presented by Steve Race. With Denis Norden, Ian Wallace, Frank Muir and John Amis.

9.30 **Commercial Breaks: Going Bananas.** This week's edition of the series that looks behind the public face of business, examines the side-effects of the civil war in Nicaragua. (see Choice).

10.00 **Cool It.** The final programme of the series starring the comedy impressionist, Phil Cool

10.30 **Jack High.** The first semi-final of the Gateway Masters Bowls Tournament from Beach House Park, Worthing.

11.00 **Newsnight** includes a special feature on veteran film director Charles Crichton, now working with John Cleese on Video Arts training films. **11.45** Weather.

11.50 **International Golf.** Highlights of the day's play in the Bell's Scotch Ryder Cup at the Belfry. Ends at 12.35.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 **Channel Four Racing** from Doncaster. The Swettenham Stud Stakes (2.35); the Gibbs Hartley Cooper Handicap (3 10); the Laurent Perrier Champagne Stakes (3.40); and the Troy Stakes. (4.10).

4.25 **Class of '39** The third and final part of the documentary tracing the story of the members of the Vienna Boys Choir who were detained in Australia where they were touring at the outbreak of the Second World War (r).

5.00 **I Dream of Jeannie.** Vintage American comedy series starring Larry Hagman.

5.30 **Bliss** presented by Muriel Gray with Billy Bragg. Among those interviewed is Paul Weller; Dave Vivian is this week's agony aunt; the archive slot features the Sex Pistols and Marc Bolan; fashion is a new punk collection; videos of Style Council and The Damned; and live performances from King and China Crisis.

6.20 **Soul Train** introduced by Jeffrey Daniel. Live in the studio, Hugh Masekela, Animal Nightlife and 7th Heaven; on video, Hall and Oates with The Temptations; in the archive slot, Aretha Franklin.

7.00 **Channel Four news** with Peter Sissons. Weather.

7.30 **Right to Reply** Film buff Ronald Swift complains to Leslie Halliwell about the way films on independent television are cut to accommodate advertising.

8.00 **What the Papers Say.** John Lloyd, industrial editor of the Financial Times, casts a critical eye over how the Press has treated the week's news.

8.15 **A Week in Politics** presented by Peter Jay. Black politics after Handsworth, plus reports on a new Alliance poll and the environmental vote.

9.00 **Tell the Truth.** Which of three people is telling the truth? Under the watchful eye of Graeme Garden, the panel of Sue Arnold, Bernard Falk, George Layton and Fran Morrison try to discover who.

9.30 **The Great Plant Collections.** Roy Lancaster visits the splendid six-acre Bressingham Gardens on the Norfolk/Suffolk border which are kept in tip-top condition by the aptly named Mr Bloom.

10.00 **The Four Seasons.** Comedy series about a group of friends in California (Oracle).

10.30 **Budgie.** The young petty criminal finds trouble on two fronts – from his father who he discovered busking and from the man who lives in the flat that Budgie is attempting to burgle.

11.30 **Robinson's Choice: She Dances Alone** (1980). A part-fiction, part documentary biography of Kyra Nijinsky, the only child of the legendary ballet dancer, Vaslav Ninjinsky. Directed by Robert Dornhelm.

1.10 **Close.**

Radio 4

On long wave. † also VHF stereo.

5.55 Shipping. **6.00** News. **6.10** Farming. **6.25** Prayer.

6.30 Today, including **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News. **6.45** Business News. **6.55, 7.55** Weather. **7.00, 8.00** News. **7.25, 8.25** Sport. **7.45** Thought for Day. **8.35** Letters.

8.43 The Memoirs of Mipsie by Mary Dunn. (5). Reader: Margot Boyd. **8.57** Weather: Travel.

9.00 News.

9.05 Baker's Dozen. Richard Baker with records (r).†

9.45 Feedback. Anthony Howard with listeners comments about BBC programmes.

10.00 News; International Assignment. Reports from BBC correspondents.

10.30 Morning Story: On the Spot written and read by Brian Glanvile.

10.45 Daily Service (New Evey Morning, page 122).†

11.00 News; Travel; You The Jury. Dick Taverne, QC, chairs a debate on the motion: 'Women aren't funny' (r).†

11.48 Natural Selection. Barry Paine describes a mysterious bird – the Shearwater

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer advice, with John Howard.

12.27 In One Ear. Comedy show. **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World At One: News.

1.40 The Archers. **1.55** Shipping.

2.00 News; Woman's Hour. The adoption of babies from the Third World

3.00 News. Howards End. Dramatization of the novel by E. M. Forster (2) (r).†

4.00 News; A Charmed Life. Vicki Hughes looks back on her adventurous years (4).

4.10 Soundings: 'The Exiles Go Home – Carole Rosen discusses some of the problems raised by Operation Moses – Israel's airlift of Ethiopian Jews, the Falashas.

4.40 Story Time: 'Life and Other Punctures' written and read by Eleanor Bron (final part).

5.00 PM: News magazine.

6.00 News: Financial Report.

6.30 Going Places. Clive Jacobs monitors the world of travel and transport.

7.00 News.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 Pick of the Week. Anne Nightingale's selection of TV and Radio extracts.†

8.20 Stop Press. Michael Parkinson hears from journalists – and their victims.

8.45 Any Questions? Tom King, Sir Peter Parker, Jonathon Porritt and Sara Morrison join John Timpson in Chelmsford, Essex.†

9.30 Letter From America by Alistair Cooke

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes comments on Paul Crossley's new recording of Tippett's piano sonatas and Howards End on Radio 4 (see 3.00pm).

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: The Woman Who Rode Away by D. H. Lawrence (final part). Reader: Kika Martham.

10.30 The World Tonight, incl **11.00** Headlines.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Delve Special. David Lander concocts another investigative report: 'Whose Baby?' **12.00-12.15am** News; Weather. **12.33** Shipping

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued).

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. **7.00** News.

7.05 Morning Concert: C P E Bach's Symphony in B minor, Wq 182 (English Concert); Milhaud's Le bal martiniquais (Ivaldi, and Lee, pianos); Beethoven's Piano Trio in B flat WoO 39 (Perlman/Harrell/Ashkenazy); Martinu's Fantaisies Symphoniques (Symphony No 6), Boston SO. **8.00** News.

8.05 Morning Concert (contd): Schubert's Konzertstuck in D, D 345 (Bounemouth Sinfonietta); Dvorak's Slavonic Dances Op 72 Nos 1-3 (Beroff and Collard. pianos): Bizet's Symphony in C (Amsterdam Concertgebouw).† **9.00** News.

9.05 This Weeks Composer: Pfitzner. The opera Palestrina, Preludes to Acts 1 and 2; and Act 3.† Berlin State Opera Orchestra, and Chorus and SO of Bavarian Radio. With soloists including Gedda and Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau.†

10.00 Haydn and Schubert: Ruth Geiger (piano). Haydn's Sonata in D, H XV1 37; and Schubert's Sonata in B flat, D 960.†

10.50 Langham Chamber Orchestra (under Handford). Büsser's Petite Suite; Moeran's Whythorne's shadow; Britten's Sinfonietta; and two pieces for strings from Walton's music for the film Henry V. Stereo and mono.

11.35 Song Recital: Mary King (mezzo) and Catherine Edwards (piano). Poulenc's Metamorphoses; Montsalvatge's Canciones negras; and Tchaikovsky songs including Whether the day is dawning; Do not believe; At the ball; and Was I not a blade of grass?†

12.15 Midday Concert: BBC Philharmonic Orchestra (under Moshe Atzmon), With Janet Hilton (clarinet). Part 1. Brahm's Variations on the St Anthony Chorale: and Weber's Clarinet Concerto No 1 † **1.00** News.

1.05 Concert (contd): Dvorak's Symphony No 7 †

1.40 Bach: Malcolm Proud (harpsichord) plays Bach's Partita No 4 in D, BWV 828.†

2.20 Suk and Martinu: Delme String Quaret play Suk's Meditation on the old Bohemian chorale Op 35; and Martinu's Quartet No 5.†

3.00 Music by British Composers: BBC Concert Orchestra (under Lockhart), with Maurice Murphy (trumpet). Hodgson's Concerto Grosso; Gareth Walters's Elegy for strings; Gordon Langford's Trumpet Concerto; Vaughan Williams's Serenade to Music; David Lyon's Divertimento.

4.00 Choral Evensong: from Wells Cathedral.† **4.55** News.

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: David Hoult with recorded music.†

6.30 Guitar music: Jakka Savijoki plays Merz's Bardenklange; and Weiss's Suite in A.†

7.00 Music for Piano: Philip Smith plays Howells's Sonatina; Scriabin's Etude in B flat minor Op 8 No 11.: Falla's Fantasia Baetica.†

7.30 Proms 1935: London Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir (under Tennstedt), with Marianne Haggander (soprano), Alfreda Hodgson (contralto), Robert Tear (tenor), Gwynne Howell (bass). Part 1. Mozart's Symphony No 41.†

8.00 The Memoirs of Lorenzo da Ponte. Read by David Suchet (3).

8.20 Proms (contd): Beethoven's Symphony No 9 (Choral).†

9.40 The Facts of History: Michael Charlton talks to Elie Kedourie, Professor of Politics, London School of Economics.

10.25 Voice and Clarinet: Jane Manning (soprano), and Alan Hacker (clarinet). Tzvi Avni's Leda and the Swan; Harrison Birtwistle's Deowa; James Wilson's The Windhover.†

11.00 Serenade: Brahms's Gut Nacht, gut Nacht (Fischer-Dieskau); Bruch's Serendade on Swedish Melodies (Berlin Sinfonietta); Dvorak's Serenade in E Op 22 (Los Angeles CO); and other songs by Brahms.

11.57 News. **12.00** Closedown.

VHF: Open University. From 6.35 to 6.55. Open Forum: Students Magazine

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 9.00pm). Headlines 6.30am, 7.30 and 8.30. 4.00am Colin Berry.† 6.00 Ray Moore.† 8.05 Ken Bruce.† 10.30 Jimmy Young.† 1.05 Sports Desk. Desmond Carrington† incl 2.02 Sports Desk. 2.05 Gloria Hunniford† incl 3.02 Sports Desk. 3.30 Music All The Way† incl 3.40 Racing from Doncaster. 4.05 David Hamilton† incl 5.05; 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.05 John Dunn† incl 6.45 Sport. 7.30 Cricket. 8.00 Friday Night Is Music Night.† 9.15 The Organist Entertains (Nigel Ogden). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Hinge and Bracket. 10.30 Old Stagers (Jimmy Durante). 11.00 Late Night Friday (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Nick Page.† 3.00 Big Band Special.† 3.30-4.00 BBC Radio Orchestra †

Radio 1

News on the half hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and at 12 midnight. 6.00am Paul Jordan. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Gary Davies, incl 12.30pm Newsbeat. 2.30 Mark Page. 4.30 Select-a-Disc. 5.30 Newsbeat. 5.45 Roundtable (Paul Gambaccini). 7.00 Andy Peebles. 10.00-12.00 The Friday Rock Show (featuring Lyn Rampant).† VHF Radios 1 & 2: 4.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With radio 1. 12.00-4.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 6.30 Book Quiz. 7.00 News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Best of Folk. 7.45 Merchant Navy Programme. 8.00 News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Sacred Choir. 8.30 D. H. Lawrence. 9.00 News. 9.09 Review of British Press. 9.15 World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. 10.00 News. 10.01 Sounds of the Seventies. 10.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 11.00 News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 In The Meantime. 11.25 Letter from Northern Ireland. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Five British Jazzmen. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 News. 1.09 Twenty Four Hours. 1.30 John Peel. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Letterbox. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Desert Island Discs. 4.00 News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Science in Action. 7.45 About Britain. 8.00 News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.30 Science in Action. 9.00 News. 9.01 Network UK. 9.15 Music Now. 9.45 Empire of the Sun. 10.00 News. 10.09 World Today. 10.25 Letter from Northern Ireland. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 From The Weeklies. 11.30 My Music. 12.00 News. 12.09 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 About Britain. 12.45 Recording Of the Week. 1.00 News. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Sounds of the Seventies. 1.45 Letterbox. 2.00 News. 2.09 Review of British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 People And Politics. 3.00 News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 World Today. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.45 World Today

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BBC 1 Wales: 5.35 pm-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 Gardening Together. 1.10 am-1.15 News and Weather. 6.35 pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland. 10.20-10.50 The Beechgrove Garden. 10.50-12.05 am Omnibus at the Proms. 12.05-1.50 Film: The Baby-Maker (1970). Northern Ireland: 5.35 pm-5.40 Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Make Mine Country. 1.10 am-1.15 News and weather. England: 6.35 pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

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HTV WEST As London except: 9.25 Sesame Street. 10.25 Smurfs. 10.40-11.30 Champions. 1.20 pm News. 1.30 Film: Abbott and Costello in Hollywood*. 3.00-3.30 Scribble. 6.00 News. 6.30-7.00 Problems. 10.30 Your Say. 10.45 Function Room. 11.15 Timeless Land. 12.15 am Freeze Frame. 12.45 Closedown.

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GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am First Thing. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.25 Professor Kitzel. 10.35 Nature of Things. 11.00-11.30 Short Story Theatre. 1.20pm News. 1.30 Profiles in Rock. 2.00 Yellow Rose. 3.00-3.30 Movie Makers. 6.00-7.00 North Tonight. 10.30 Film: Hands of the Ripper (Eric Porter). 12–05am News, Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am Les Miserables. 10.25 Big Ice. 10.55 Fireball XL5. 11.20-11.30 Wattoo Wattoo. 1.20pm News. 1.30 Carson's Law. 2.55 Wingalongamax. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 What's on Where. 10.35 Sweeney. 11.35 Season of Country Music. 12.30am Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.25am Outlook. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.25 Modern Madcaps. 10.30-11.30 Aldabra, Island of Giant Tortoises. 1.20pm News. 1.30 Three Little Words. 2.00 Hotel. 3.00 Bygones. 3.30-4.00 Glenroe. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.30-7.00 Zodiac Game. 10.30 V. 11.30 Streets of San Francisco. 12.30am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am News. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.30-11.30 Night Bombers. 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: Amazing Mr Blunden. 3.20-3.30 Cartoon. 6.00 News. 6.02 Zodiac Game. 6.30-7.00 Northern Life. 10.32 Film: Death Ship. 12.05am Countryside Christian. Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street. 10.25 Cartoon. 10.35 Protectors. 11.00-11.30 That's Hollywood. 1.20pm News. 1.30 How to Pick up Girls. 3.15-3.30 Cartoon. 6.00-7.00 About Anglia. 10.30 Anglia reports. 10.50 Film: The Seven-Ups (Tony Lo Bianco). 12.45am Christian Youth Today, Closedown.

TSW as London except: 9.25am Sesame Street. 10.25 Big Ice. 10.55 Fireball XL5. 11.20-11.30 Watto Watto. 1.20pm News. 1.30 Carson's Law. 2.55 Wingalongmax. 3.25-3.30 Home Cookery. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Diff'rent strokes. 11.35 Season of Country Music. 12.20am Postscript, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE as London except: 9.25am Sesame Street. 10.25 Art and Crafts in West Africa. 10.35 Zoom the Dolphin. 11.00-11.30 Gurkhas of Nepal. 1.20pm Calendar. 1.25 Help Yourself. 1.30 Carson's Law. 2.55-3.30 Wingalongmax. 6.00 Calendar. 6.30-7.00 Whose Baby? 10.30 Sweeney. 11.30 Australian Rugby League. 12.25am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street. 10.25 Indian Legends of Canada. 10.50 Cartoon. 11.00-11.30 3-2-1 Contact. 1.20pm Lunchtime. 1.30 Film: Stella Dallas (Barbara Stanwyck). 3.30-4.00 Password. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.20 Sportscast. 6.45-7.00 Advice. 10.30 Witness. 10.35 Falcon Crest. 11.35 Star Parade. 12.30am News, Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am Once Upon a Time ... Man. 9.10 Rainbow Theatre. 10.15 Poseidon Files. 11.05-11.30 Dreams. 1.20pm News. 1.30-3.30 Film: March or Die (Gene Hackman). 6.00-7.00 News. 10.30 Film: Cactus Jack (Kirk Douglas). 12.15am Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street. 10.25 Asian Insights. 10.45 Orphans of the Wild. 11.05-11.30 Freetime Special. 1.20pm News. 1.30 Country Practice. 2.25 Zoo Talk. 2.35 Champions. 3.30-4.00 Once Upon a Time . . . Man. 6.00 News and Scotland Today. 6.30-7.00 Video Show. 10.30 Yellow Rose. 11.30 Late Call. 11.35 Return of the Saint. 12.30am Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am Land of the Lapps. 9.50 Struggle Beneath the Sea. 10.15 Indian Legends of Canada. 10.40 Professor Kitzel. 10.45-11.30 Tarzan. 1.20pm News. 1.30 Summer Bass. 2.00 Yellow Rose. 2.55 Home Cookery. 3.00 Protectors. 3.25 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Whose Baby? 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 10.30 Northern Echoes. 11.00 Film: Leather Boys (Rita Tushingham). 1.00am That's Hollywood. 1.30 Closedown

BORDER As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street. 10.25 Sally and Jake. 10.35 Wild World of Animals. 11.00-11.30 Captain Scarlet. 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: Donovan's Reef (John Wayne). 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road. 10.30 Film: Czech Mate (Susan George). 12.00 Closedown.

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BUSH THEATRE (air cond.) 743 3388 KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN by Manuel Puig. With Simon Callow & Mark Rylance. From 18 Sept.

CHICHESTER 0243 781312 THE PHILANTHROPIST ... THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.30 Orpheus in the Underworld. Tomor 7.30 Rigoletto.

CRITERION. Air Cond. S 930 3216 CC 379 6565/379 6433/741 9999. Groups 836 3962. Eves. 8.0. Mats Thurs 2.30. Sat 5.30 & 8.30. "BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" Daily Mail. The Theatre of Comedy Company JEFFREY HOLLAND, GEOFFREY HUGHES, BERNARD BRESSLAW, LINDA HAYDEN, ... WILSON with PAUL DARROW and BARRY HOWARD in RUN FOR YOUR WIFE Written and Directed by RAY COONEY

COMEDY 930 2578. CC 839 1438 Eves 8.0. Fri & Sat 6 and 8.45 MONSTER MUSICAL HIT LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS 2ND MOUTH-WATERING YEAR! SEATS AT SOME PERFS FROM £6.50 Group Sales Box Office 930 6123 MUST CLOSE OCTOBER 5

DONMAR WAREHOUSE 836 3028 KERN GOES TO HOLLYWOOD A celebration of Jerome Kern with Elaine Delmar, David Kernan, Liz Robertson, Elisabeth Welch. "JOYOUS" D. Mail. "OFFERS A LIFT TO THE SPIRITS AND BALM TO THE SOUL" Gdn. Mon-Fri 7.30. Sat 6.0 & 8.30. CC 379 6565/379 6433/741 9999. Grps 930 6123. MUST END 21 SEPT. From 23 Sept: PERRIER PICK OF THE FRINGE.

DONMAR WAREHOUSE 836 3028 SHOWPEOPLE present HOW LUCKY CAN YOU GET. A cabaret starring Josephine Blake, Diane Langton, Angela Richards, Martin Smith. "INFECTIOUSLY ENJOYABLE" S.Exp. Run extended until Sunday. Ton't, Tomor 11pm. Sun 5.0 & 7.30. CC 379 6565/379 6433/741 9999. Grps 930 6123.

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL 01-836 8108. 01-240 9066. 01-240 9067 DAVID MERRICK'S 42ND STREET "The show has now swept up all the top prizes for musicals" D. Exp. BEST MUSICAL Standard Drama Award "Exhilarating" D.Tel. BEST MUSICAL Laurence Olivier Award "Dazzling" D. Mail. BEST MUSICAL Plays & Players London Theatre Critics Award "You won't find a show in London with more razzle dazzle" D. Exp. Eves 8.00, Mats Wed 3.00, Sats 5.00 & 8.30. Group Sales 01-930 6123. Booking until July 1986. BOX OFFICE OPEN Mon-Sat 10am-8pm.

DUCHESS THEATRE 'S' 836 8243/240 9648/cc 836 8243/240 9648/379 6433 or W H Smith Travel. Eves 8.00, Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.30pm. GARY BOND NICHOLA McAULIFFE A STATE OF AFFAIRS by Graham Swannell. Dir Peter James. "ENJOYABLE SALLIES INTO THE SEX WAR ... IT SUMS UP MARRIAGE" F Times. "BRILLIANTLY OBSERVED" S Tel. "GARY BOND SUPREME ... NICHOLA McAULIFFE A THEATRICAL MASTERPIECE" D Mail

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122 CC 836 9837/379 6433/741 9999. Grp Sales 930 6123. Eves 8. Mat Thu 3, Sat 5 & 8.30. "TRIUMPH ON TAP" Eve Std STEPPING OUT The Hit Comedy by Richard Harris Directed by Julia McKenzie IN THIS YEAR'S COMEDY OF THE YEAR Standard Drama Award 1984 "LAUGH YOURSELF SILLY" T. Out. "Had the first night audience yelling for more" D Mail. "Must surely take the town ... GO NOW" D Tel. "Roars of approval" Times. "It's going to tap, tap forever" N.O.W. "A brand new All Dancing, All Joking Smash-Hit Comedy ... A GREAT EVENING" B.B.C.

GARRICK S CC. 01-836 4601/379 6433 Eves 8.0. Mat Wed 3.00. Sat 5.0 NO SEX, PLEASE – WE'RE BRITISH Directed by Allan Davis

FORTUNE S. 836 2238 cc 836 2239/741 9999. Evgs 8.00. Fri & Sat 6.00 & 8.40. FULLY AIR CONDITIONED THIS YEAR'S COMEDY OF THE YEAR Laurence Olivier Awards 1984 UP 'N' UNDER "A WONDERFUL COMEDY" S.Times. 'Splendid'. D.Tel. 'One of the funniest and least pretentious plays you are ever going to see ... TOTALLY HYSTERICAL' Obs. "Excitement and hilarity ... persuading the audience to clap and cheer" S.Tel. 'A JOY' S.Exp.

GLOBE cc 01-437 1592. Andrew Lloyd Webber presents the COMEDY OF THE YEAR Society of West End Theatre Award '83 DAISY PULLS IT OFF by Denise Deegan Directed by David Gilmore Eves 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0 & Sat 4.0 Group Sales 930 6123 "THIS IS AN ABSOLUTE HOOT & A SCREAM" S Times THIRD GREAT YEAR Over 1,000 Performances)

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. Evenings 7.45. Mats Sat 2.30 The New Vic Theatre in BUDDY HOLLY AT THE REGAL by Phil Woods. "Hilarious and touching ... the production sparkles, the cast are excellent" Obs. "Acutely hilarious" Time Out.

HAMPSTEAD THEATRE 722 9301. Eves 8.00 Sat Mats 4.30 THE DAUGHTER-IN-LAW by D. H. Lawrence. "A memorable evening" D Tel. "Marvellous production." "Spellbinding performance. A fine play beautifully realised which should be seen." T Out. LAST TWO WEEKS.

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL 01-930 9832. Group Sales 930 6123. Eves Mon-Sat 7.30. Mats Weds & Sats 2.30. "LAUREN BACALL'S STAR QUALITY GLOWS WITH A HARD, STEELY, INCANDESCENCE THAT COULD SHATTER A DIAMOND" Sun. Exp. LAUREN BACALL in TENNESSEE WILLIAMS SWEET BIRD OF YOUTH Directed by Harold Pinter "HAROLD PINTER'S PRODUCTION ESTABLISHES THE PIECE AS ONE OF WILLIAMS' VERY BEST" Fin Times

HER MAJESTY'S 01-930 6606 CC 01-930 4025 Group Sales 930 6123 WEST SIDE STORY SECOND TRIUMPHANT YEAR "FINGER CLICKING GOOD" Std. "THE BEST MUSICAL EVER WRITTEN" City Limits. Mon-Fri, evgs 7.30, Sat 4.45 & 8.0, Mat Wed 2.30. LAST 3 WEEKS

JEANNETTA COCHRANE 242 7040 National Youth Theatre SAD IN THE EYE This week only at 7.30

KING'S HEAD 226 1916. Dnr 7.30. Show 8.30. HAROLD PINTER'S THE LOVER. A HIT! Extended.

LONDON PALLADIUM 01-437 7373 Evenings 7.30. Mats Wed & Sats 2.45 THE LONGEST RUNNING SHOW IN 75 YEARS AT THE LONDON PALLADIUM TOMMY STEELE IN SINGIN' IN THE RAIN MUST CLOSE SEPT 28.

LONDON PALLADIUM. 01-437 7373. Group sales box office 01-930 6123 Opens Dec 23 – then daily 2.30 & 7.30 DES O'CONNOR in CINDERELLA with PAUL NICHOLAS Reduced price previews Dec 18/21 at 2.30. BOOK NOW – PARTY RATES AVAILABLE – APPLY BOX OFFICE 01-437 7373 24 HR 7 DAY CC BOOKING 240 7200.

LONDON PALLADIUM 01-437 7373. 01-437 2055. From Oct 22 to Nov 9. Mon to Fri 8pm. (22 Oct 7pm). Sat 5.30 & 8.30pm. WAYNE SLEEP'S HOT SHOE SHOW BASED ON THE POPULAR BBC-TV SERIES

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01-741 2311. Eves 7.45. Mats Wed 2.30, Sats 4pm. THE ALCHEMIST by Ben Jonson. Dir. by Griff Rhys Jones. LYRIC STUDIO: Eves 8pm. London Première of SPLIT SECOND. "A hot play" Times. "Taut and gripping ... good strong drama ... sparks really fly" FT. Latecomers will not be admitted.

LYRIC THEATRE Shaftesbury Ave W1. 01-437 3686/7 01-434 1050 cc 01-434 1550 01-734 5166/7. 24 hour 7 day cc bookings 01-240 7200. BERYL REID JEAN-PIERRE AUMONT SIAN PHILLIPS GEOFFREY BURRIDGE & AMANDA WARING in LERNER & LOEWE'S MUSICAL GIGI Directed by John Dexter OPENS Tues 17th Sept at 7.0 Red. Price Previews NOW! Eves 7.30 Sats 5.0 & 8.15 Weds Mats 3.0 (from 25th Sept) Grp Sales Box Office 01-930 6123 ADVANCE BOX OFFICE NOW OPEN

LYTTELTON 928 2252 CC 928 5933 'S' (National Theatre's proscenium stage). Ton't 7.45. Tomor 3.00 (low price mat) & 7.45 ANIMAL FARM by Orwell. Sept 16 & 17 last perfs MARTINE.

MAYFAIR S CC 629 3036. Mon-Thu 8 Fri/Sat 5.40 & 8.10 Grp 930 6123/741 9999. RICHARD TODD Eric Lander, Annette Andre THE BUSINESS OF MURDER The Hit Thriller by Richard Harris "The best thriller for years" S Mir. "An unabashed winner" S Exp. "A thriller that achieves it all. Sensational" Times. "The most ingenious mystery to have appeared in a decade. A play to be seen" D Mail. 5TH GREAT YEAR OVER 1600 PERFORMANCES

NATIONAL THEATRE, South Bank NATIONAL THEATRE COMPANY See SEPARATE ENTRIES UNDER OLIVIER/LYTTELTON Excellent cheap seats day of perf. both theatres from 10am RESTAURANT (928 2033) CHEAP EASY CAR PARK.

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 01 405 0072 CC 01 404 4079 Eves 7.45 Tue & Sat 3.00 & 7.45 THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER/T. S. ELIOT MUSICAL CATS Group Bookings 01 405 1567 or 01 930 6123 (Apply daily to Box Office for returns). Alternative CC Bookings 379 6131. Postal applications now being accepted from Feb 3 to May 31 '86

MERMAID THEATRE 01-236 5568 CC 741 9999 Grp Sales 930 6123 Eves 7.30. Mats Thur & Sat 3.00 ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY ALAN HOWARD GEMMA JONES JENNY AGUTTER BREAKING THE SILENCE By STEPHEN POLIAKOFF Director RON DANIELS "ONE OF THE FINEST PLAYS TO HAVE COME OUT OF THE RSC IN RECENT YEARS" S. Times OVER 100 PERFORMANCES RSC – also at the Barbican

OLD VIC 928 7616 CC 261 1821 Eves 7.30. Wed Mats 2.30. Sats 4.0 & 7.45 HANNAH GORDON ROBERT STEPHENS MAXINE AUDLEY KATE O'MARA GARY WALDHORN PATRICIA QUINN and ROBERT MORSE in LIGHT UP THE SKY a comedy by MOSS HART Directed by Keith Hack NOW BOOKING!

OLD VIC 928 7616 CC 261 1821 FROM 29 OCTOBER FOR A LIMITED SEASON ONLY DENNIS WATERMAN RULA LENSKA in the Broadway comedy SAME TIME NEXT YEAR NOW BOOKING!

OLIVIER 928 2252 CC 928 5933 'S' (National Theatre's open stage). Ton't 7.15. Tomor 2.00 (low price mat) & 7.15, then Sept 25 & 26 THE REAL INSPECTOR HOUND by Tom Stoppard with THE CRITIC by Sheridan.

PALACE THEATRE 01-437 6834 CC 437 8327/379 6433 7 perfs only 25 Oct-2nd Nov ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S REQUIEM AND VARIATIONS 12 perfs only 4 Nov-16 Nov NATALIA MAKAROVA THE BLUE ANGEL ROLAND PETIT/VLADIMIR GELVAN & THE BERLIN BALLET All perfs 8.00pm

PALACE THEATRE 437 6834 cc 437 8327 or 379 6433. Grp Sales 930 6123. Eves 7.45 Mat Thur & Sat 2.30. "THE MUSICAL THAT MAKES YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH SHOW BUSINESS" Mail on S. RODGERS & HART'S ON YOUR TOES "Deliriously funny" Times "RUN TO SEE THIS SHOW" D Mail. LAST 2 WEEKS – MUST CLOSE Sept 21.

PHOENIX 836 2294 cc 240 9661 or 741 9999 Eves 8 Mat Thu 3 Sat 5 & 8.30 MARTIN SHAW AS ELVIS PRESLEY "IS JUST AMAZING ... THE PERFORMANCE IS A LANDMARK" Daily Express ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT? BY ALAN BLEASDALE "A GREAT NIGHT OUT SEE THIS" Daily Mail "IT'S MAGNIFICENT" Observer

PRINCE EDWARD. Tel 01-437 6877 S EVITA Evgs. 8.0. Mats Thurs & Sat at 3.0. Hotline 439 8499. 379 6433. 741 9999. Group Sales 930 6123 LAST FIVE MONTHS

PICCADILLY THEATRE Air Cond 437 4506. 734 9535 Credit Card Hotlines 379 6565/741 9999. Group Sales 836 3962/930 6123/434 3692. "A BRILLIANT NEW MUSICAL" BBC. DAVID ESSEX FRANK FINLAY MUTINY! "TREMENDOUS SPECTACLE" Guardian. "TECHNOLOGICAL WIZARDRY" S Tms. Eves 8.00, Mats Sat 5.0, Wed 3.00. Tickets available at all Principal Ticket Agencies.

PRINCE OF WALES 01-930 8681/2 cc HOTLINE 01-930 0844/5/6. Group Sales 01-930 6123 K Prowse 01-741 9999 Evngs 7.30. Mats Thur & Sat at 3.00. "One of the best musicals of all time" – The Std. The National Theatre of Gt Britain Award Winning GUYS AND DOLLS Starring LULU NORMAN ROSSINGTON CLARKE PETERS BETSY BRANTLEY DAVID HEALY "A raucously elegant show" – S Times "A CLASSIC of its kind" – D Tel "DYNAMITE" – D Mail "It can only encourage American tourists to clog the capital's transport system demanding directions to Piccadilly Circus" – The Times

QUEEN'S: 01-734 1166, 734 1167, 734 0261, 734 0120, 439 3849, 439 4031. CC 24hr 240 7200. Grp Sales 930 6123. Eves 7.45, Wed Mats 2.30 VANESSA REDGRAVE JONATHAN PRYCE "Are Positively Electric" F.T. in THE SEAGULL by Anton Chekhov Directed by CHARLES STURRIDGE. FOR A LIMITED SEASON

ROYAL COURT S CC 730 1745 The New York Shakespeare Festival/Joseph Papp production of AUNT DAN AND LEMON by Wallace Shawn Evns 8pm, Sat Mats 4pm. "The most thought provoking play in London" T.O.

SAVOY. Box Office 01-836 8888 Credit Cards 01-379 6219/836 0479 Evgs 7.45, Wed 3.00, Sat 5.00 & 8.30. 4th YEAR OF THE AWARD WINNING COMEDY HIT MICHAEL MEDWIN JOSEPHINE TEWSON HUGH PADDICK ROLAND CURRAM DILYS WATLING PHILIP BIRD NOISES OFF "MICHAEL FRAYN'S COMEDY IS THE FUNNIEST PLAY I HAVE EVER SEEN IN THE WEST-END" Times. Directed by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE

SHAFTESBURY 379 5399 CC 741 9999. Grp Sales 930 6123. Evgs 8.0. Sat 5.30 & 8.30. Wed Mat 3.0. THEATRE OF COMEDY COMPANY Michael Williams, Moray Watson, Wanda Ventham, Anthony Verner and Kathy Staff TWO INTO ONE Written & Directed by RAY COONEY "Hilarious production" F.T. "Comic acting at its finest." S.Tele. OVER 300 PERFORMANCES

ST MARTINS. 836 1443. Special CC No 01-379 6433. Evgs 8.00. Tues 2.45. Sat 5.00 & 8.00. AGATHA CHRISTIE'S 33rd year of THE MOUSETRAP

STRAND WC2 01-836 2660/4143/5190. Monday-Friday Evgs 8.0 Mats Wed 2.30, Sat 5.30 & 8.30 DAVID JASON "A NATURAL COMIC, A JOY TO BEHOLD" Standard. "GENUINELY FUNNY" Fin Times RICHARD VERNON LYNDA BELLINGHAM LOOK, NO HANS! A New Comedy by John Chapman & Michael Pertwee Directed by Mike Ockrent

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789) 295623. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY in MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR, Tonight 7.30. "... A great night out ..." Times. AS YOU LIKE IT, Tomor 1.30. "... a magical production ..." S Tel. TROILUS & CRESSIDA, Tomor 7.30. "... Masterful and triumphant ..." S. Times. No perfs on Mon, Tues, Wed. OTHELLO opens Thursday 19 sept. For special meal/theatre deals and hotel stopover ring 0789 67262.

VAUDEVILLE 01 836 9987/836 5645 HALF-PRICE PREVIEWS from Sept 18 Evgs 8.0. Sat 5.30 & 8.30 Opens Sept 26 RICHARD STILGOE & PETER SKELLERN WHO PLAYS WINS A para-musical entertainment written & composed by Peter Skellern & Richard Stilgoe. Directed by Mike Ockrent. For 6 weeks only.

VICTORIA PALACE 01-834 1317. Evenings 7.30. Mats Sat only 2.45 MICHAEL CRAWFORD in BARNUM BOX OFFICE OPEN MON-SAT, 9AM-9PM, AND ON SUNDAYS FOR TEL CC BKGS ONLY 11AM-7PM.

WYNDHAM'S S 836 3028 CC 379 6565/379 6433/741 9999. Grps 930 6123/836 3962. Eves 8.0. Wed Mat 3.0. Sat 5.0 & 8.15. "A VERY FUNNY SHOW" Obs. SUE TOWNSEND'S THE SECRET DIARY OF ADRIAN MOLE AGED 13¾ Music & Lyrics by KEN HOWARD & ALAN BLAIKLEY. "LIVELY SPARKISH HUMOUR" Gdn. "COMPULSIVELY ENTERTAINING" S.Exp. "HILARIOUS" Std.

CINEMAS

ACADEMY 1. 437 2981. Deborah Kerr in THE ASSAM GARDEN (U). Progs 2.45 (not Sun) 4.45, 6.45, 9.00.

ACADEMY 2. 437 5129. Italy's outstandingly beautiful FORGET VENICE (18). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35. Sun at 4.10, 6.20, 8.35

BARBICAN CINEMA 01-628 8795. Student reducts at all perfs. Tickets bookable. Rosanna Arquette and Madonna in DESPERATELY SEEKING SUSAN (15) 6.30, 8.30.

CAMDEN PLAZA 485 2443. (Opp Camden Town Tube) Luc Besson's SUBWAY (15) Starring CHRISTOPHER LAMBERT & ISABELLE ADJANI. "Extraordinary ... Explodes With Energy" Films & Filming. Film at 2.15, 4.20, 6.35, 8.55.

CHELSEA CINEMA 351 3742 Kings Road (Nearest Tube Sloane Sq) Luc Besson's SUBWAY (15) Starring CHRISTOPHER LAMBERT & ISABELLE ADJANI. 'Extraordinary. Explodes With Energy' Films & Filming. Film at 2.15, 4.20, 6.35, 8.55. Lic Bar Seats Bookable for 8.55 perf

CURZON WEST END, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1. 01-439 4805. Placido Domingo in Rosi's CARMEN (PG). Film at 2.00 (not Sun), 5.00, 8.00.

CURZON MAYFAIR, Curzon St, W1. 499 3737. James Mason, Edward Fox in THE SHOOTING PARTY (15). "Superb" S Exp "A brilliant film" BBC. Film at 2.00 (not Sun), 4.10, 6.20 & 8.40. LAST WEEKS.

DOMINION TOTT. CRT. RD. (580 9562) THE WOMAN IN RED (15) Cont progs Daily 2.20 (not Sun) 5.35, 8.55. Plus WATER (15) Cont progs Daily 3.45, 7.00.

GATE BLOOMSBURY 1 & 2 837 1177. Russell Sq. Tube. All perfs bookable Acc/Visa 837 8402. 1: DESPERATELY SEEKING SUSAN (15) 2.35, 4.40, 6.45, 8.50. 2: PURPLE ROSE OF CAIRO (PG) 1.50, 3.35, 5.20, 7.00, 9.05. Lic'd Bar.

GATE NOTTING HILL 221 0220/727 5750. INSIGNIFICANCE (15) 2.40, 4.40, 6.50, 9.00 L.N. 11.15pm ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW (15) MYRA BRECKENBRIDGE (18).

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE 930 5252 (Enq) / 839 1759 (24 hour Access/Visa bookings) A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET (18). Sep progs Daily 1.20, 3.50, 6.20, 8.55. Late Night Show Fri & Sat 11.45pm. All progs bookable in advance.

LUMIERE CINEMA 379 3014/836 0691 (Nearest Tube Leicester Sq) Luc Besson's SUBWAY (15) Starring CHRISTOPHER LAMBERT & ISABELLE ADJANI. 'Superb' The Standard. 'Extraordinary. Explodes With Energy' Films & Filming. Film at 2.15, 4.20, 6.35, 8.55. Lic Bar. Seats Bookable for eve perfs.

MINEMA 45 KNIGHTSBRIDGE. 235 4225. Winner of 8 Oscars, including best picture "AMADEUS" (PG). Daily at 2.30, 5.30, 8.30. Late show Fri & Sat 11.15. BOOK NOW.

ODEON HAYMARKET (930 2738) CRIMES OF PASSION (18) Sep progs Daily 2.00, 5.50, 8.40. Late Night Show Fri & Sat 11.30pm. All seats bookable in advance. Access and Visa telephone bookings welcome.

ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE (930 6111) Info 930 4250/4259. COCOON (PG) Sep progs Doors open Daily 1.45, 5.00, 8.00. Late Night Show Fri & Sat doors open 11.15pm. All progs bookable in advance. Access and Visa phone bookings welcome. Credit Hot Line 839 1929, 24-hour service. £2.00 seats available Monday all perfs.

ODEON MARBLE ARCH (723 2011) A VIEW TO A KILL (PG) Sep progs Doors open Daily 2.00, 5.00, 8.00. Reduced prices for under 16s, OAPs, Student card holders, UB40 holders.

SCREEN AT THE ELECTRIC 229 3694. KLAUS KINSKI in Terayama's THE FRUITS OF PASSION (18). 3.40 (not Sun), 5.25, 7.20 & 9.15. Strictly club show for 18s & over – instant membership.

SCREEN ON BAKER ST. 935 2772. (1). DANCE WITH A STRANGER (15). 2.30, 4.35, 6.50, 9.00. (2) THE PURPLE ROSE OF CAIRO (15) 3.40, 5.25, 7.20, 9.15.

SCREEN ON THE HILL 435 3366. The 1985 Cannes Festival Hit. DIM SUM (U). 2.25, 4.30, 6.50, 9.00. Seats bookable. Lic Bar

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The London go-betweens who took orders from Moscow

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

The bulk of the alleged Russian spies were men assigned to the many Soviet trade organizations based at Highgate and given the all-embracing title of "trade representative". Most are known by British companies as mere go-betweens who help smooth the path of Anglo-Soviet trade.

One sources close to the trading system, who declined to be named, said yesterday: "When we do business with the Soviets we start by contacting the representatives for the relevant trade organization at Highgate and we have to treat them as genuine trade representatives.

"Some of them appear genuinely interested in our products and offer advice about selling just as if we were trying to do business in the United States or West Germany. They offer to pass on our brochures and catalogues and usually suggest that we visit Moscow.

"But they do not have the same authority as representatives of Western countries; they provide and pass on information, but it is clear that the real business is done in Moscow."

The London headquarters of Novosti in Rosemary Gardens, SW1, and, right, the Highgate base for Soviet trade organizations, screened by trees

Russian imports to the UK are handled by about six or seven British registered and Soviet-owned companies including **Razno**, which deals in light industrial and consumer goods and whose deputy managing director, Mr Valeriy Kotov, is among those expelled.

The fear among the wide variety of UK companies doing business with the Russians will be that normal commercial relations could be disrupted by the expulsions. Trade with Russia is currently worth about £735 million to Britain, with imports - mostly oil-related - worth about £900 million.

The trade representatives told to leave have ostensibly been working for eight of the trade's mission's organizations plus the **Moscow Narodny Bank** and two international councils.

The trade organizations are **Vsesoyuznoye Ob Edinenie**, or VOs, which serve as state monopolies for particular products and services. Most are subordinate to the Ministry of Foreign Trade while others are subordinate to the State Committee for Foreign Economic Relations or other Soviet state organizations. Almost all have their head offices at the Ministry of Foreign Trade in the centre of Moscow and close to the Kremlin.

Avtoexport to involved in the export and import of motor vehicles and parts and its long list of administrators in Moscow deals with anything from bicycles and buses to advertising and the export of VAZ cars.

Avtropromimport deals in imports, automotive equipment including testing, control and garage equipment and press and foundry machines.

Electronorgtechnica deals in imports and exports, computer equipment and electronic components, while **Machinoexport** and **Machinoimport** deal with trade in all types of heavy industrial machinery. **Mezhdunarodnaya Kniga** is involved with the sale of books, periodicals, sheet music and stamps, and **Sudoimport** in the import, export and repair of ships.

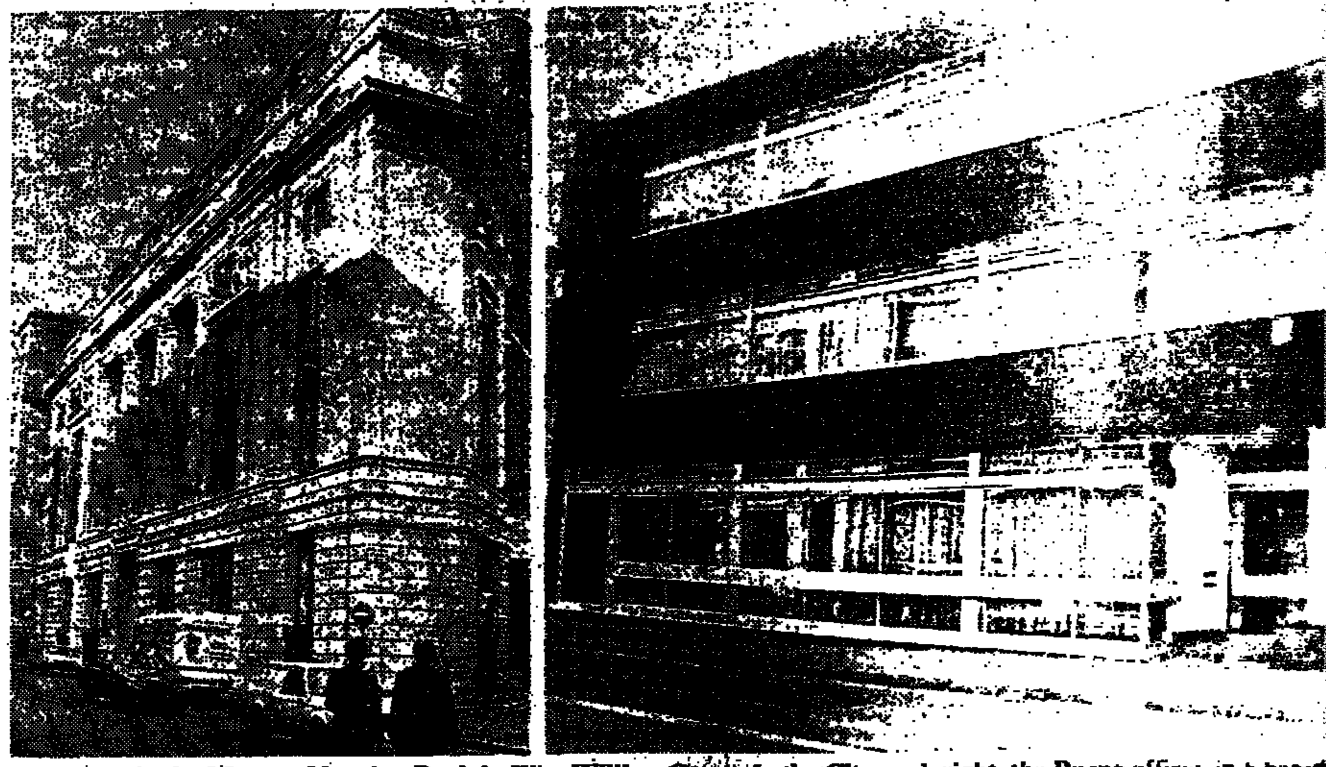
Moscow Narodny Bank operates as a normal commercial bank in London and is registered in the UK. Its specialties include financing East/West trade and it is also an active participant in the foreign exchange markets. Although controlled from Moscow, Moscow Narodny is viewed in the British banking community as just another of the several hundred foreign banks operating in the City.

Fist established in 1919, it is one of the oldest of the handful of banks from a communist or socialist countries which have a presence in the UK. Its directors, who include Mr V.P. Ipatov, are Russian, but it has about 250 employees, the majority British.

Journalistic organizations, too, provided cover for some of the expelled spies – such as the Novosti, and Tass press agencies in London and Radio Moscow's bureau.

The International Wheat Council, whose offices are in Haymarket in London's West End, primarily gathers statistics about and monitors trade in wheat and other grains. Another Russian translator employed by the IWC was expelled in similar circumstances two years ago. The IWC members are the main wheat exporting and importing countries but there is no grain pricing agreement. The IWC enjoys the status of a treaty organization and its employees are international civil servants. Employees are drawn from many members of the council.

The International Cocoa Organization, which has offices in Berners Street in London's West End, administers the International Cocoa Agreement between the main cocoa producing and consuming countries which is supposed to govern prices. It also provides for the collection of statistics on cocoa. The ICCO staff is drawn from member countries – including the Soviet Union and its allies – which are consumer members of the agreement. The agreement has the status of a treaty between the signatory countries, and the organization and its employees enjoy an international status similar to that of United Nations bodies.



Above, left, the Moscow Narodny Bank in King William Street, in the City, and, right, the Razno offices in

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagement

Princess Anne visits SW Mount and Sons, Fruit Growers, at Little Barton Farm, Canterbury, 12.30; and later, as Honorary President of the The Chartered Insistute of Transport, attends a conference and dinner at Jesus College, Cambridge 6.45.

The Duke of Kent, Chairman, the National Electronics Council, attends the annual conference at the Berystede Hotel, Ascot, 10.30.

New exhibitions

The Thistle and the Crown; Centenary of the Scottish Office: Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Oct 20).

Cheers! Alcohol in European culture; Randolph Gallery, Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont St, **Oxford**; Tues to Sat 10 to 4, Sun 2 to 4 (ends Jan 2).

Exhibitions in progress

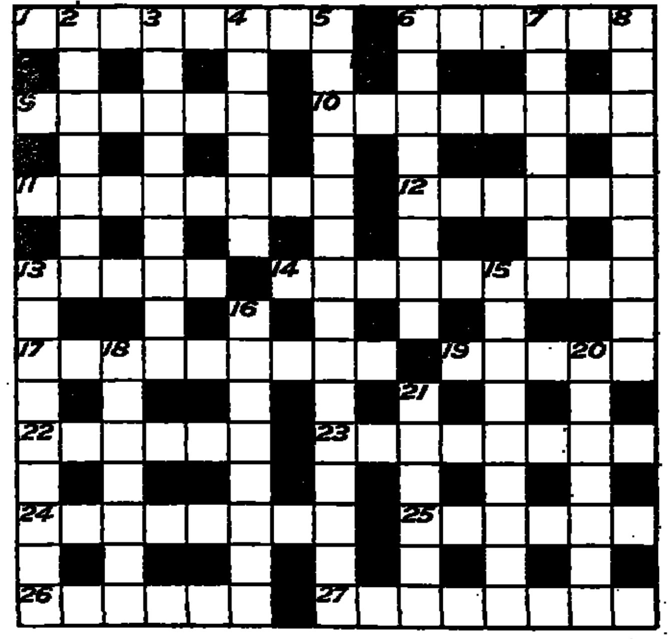
Paintings by Brian Plummer and Tom Wood; Linton Court Gallery; Duke St, Settle, Tues, Fri and Sat 11 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Sept 29).

Watercolours and oil paintings by Reg Gammon; Retrospective; Royal West of England Academy, Queen's Rd, **Bristol**; Tues to Sat 10 to 5.30 (ends Sept 21).

Three-dimensional photographs by Peter Banks; portraits by Bill Jackson; and the laidlers by Chris Killip; Impressions Gallery of Photography, 17 Colliergate, **York**; Tues to Sat 10 to 6 (ends Oct 5).

Paintings and drawings by Bet Low, 1945-1985; and The MacDiarmid Memorial; Third Eye Centre, 350 Sauchiehall St, **Glasgow**; Tues to Sat 10 to 5.30, Sun 2 to 5.30 (ends Sept 27).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,841



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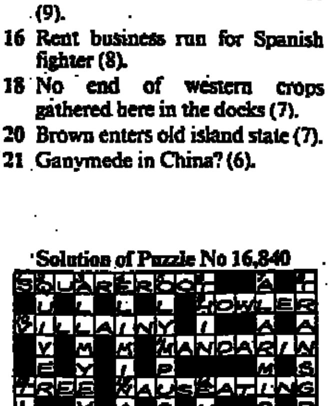
1 His duty to set up a protection racket (5-3).
6 Signals manual used on course (3-3).
9 Nothing sharp damaged a lighthouse (6).
10 His aim to reach parts others have not reached (8).
11 Honest form of art in a sense (8).
12 Eyes of Science (6).
13 Up and about Dartmoor for instance? (5).
14 Hilton's Paradise Lost (7-2).
17 Dejected bearing in particular part of country (4,5).
19 Baffle with this sort of oratory? (5).
22 Old Welsh craft does not start to make a sound profit (6).
23 Masterstroke to lead the column (8).
24 Fragrant sort of water colour (8).
25 Credit a tax on neckwear (6).
26 Swinburne's sibling swallow (6).
27 Scandinavian's bad manners outside the ring (8).

DOWN

2 Old faithful – the classic example (7).
3 Pink automobile race (9).
4 Purpose of a blueprint (6).
5 Flier scrambling in heather tore wing (5,5,5).
6 Sophy not disturbed by hard blows (8).
7 Goals aimed at by some determinists (7).
8 King and Queen for instance have instrument for dubious player (9).
13 Strange lion scared no one certainly not him (9).
15 Even the score is wanted here (9).
16 Rent business run for Spanish fighter (8).
18 No end of western crops gathered here in the docks (7).
20 Brown enters old island state (7).
21 Ganymede in China? (6).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,840



Prize Crossword in The Times tomorrow
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Last chance to see

From paper to Steel: work by five sculptors; Easthorpe Gallery, Huddersfield Rd, **Mirfield**, 12 to 4.

Music

Harp recital by Vanessa McKeand; St Mary and Edburga's Church, **Stratton Audley**, Oxon, 8.

Organ recital by Ian Tracey; **Liverpool** Anglican Cathedral, 12.

Piano recital by Thomas McIntosh; Wimpole Hall, **Wimpole**, Cambs, 7.30.

Piano recital by Janusz Piotrovicz Stechley; Towngate Theatre, **Basildon**, 8.

Concert by the Writtle Choir; St John's Church, **Loughton**, 7.30.

Organ recital by Andrew Beniens; Church of St Peter Mancroft, **Norwich**, 1.10.

Presteigne festival: Concert by the Northern Sinfonia; St Andrew's Church, **Presteigne**, 7.30.

Talks, lectures

Tim Page's Nam and American whiplash, by Tim Page; The Arts Centre, The Metropole, The Leas, **Folkestone**, 7.30.

General

Homes '85: home buying exhibition; Barbican Exhibition Centre, Golden Lane, **London**, EC2, 10 to 7 (until Sept 16): for full details contact Homes '85 Hotline on 01-328 5130 (24 hrs).

The papers

"If many more spies decide to change sides, there will be few secrets left to protect", says The Mirror. Commenting on the defection to Britain of the top KGB man at the Soviet Embassy in London, the paper adds: "This latest switch is a great coup for British security, which has seen too many of its own men, led by Kim Philby, take a one way ticket to Moscow."

The Sun says: "The defection of Oleg Gordievsky, the top KGB man in Britain, is an enormous blow to Soviet prestige."

The Daily Star, commenting the ruling by a Monoplies and Mergers Commission that restrictions on BBC and ITV programme listings were not against the public interest, says: "For the Government to agree to the Commission's ruling is yet another example of the Tory's double standards. It is a major platform of this Government that all companies be forced to compete on the open market or be gobbled up in a take over or go bust. This goes for newspapers and every other media company with the amazing exception apparently of TV.

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

Monday-Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to claim

Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-53272 between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm, on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

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Food prices – fish selection

There should be an excellent selection of good quality fish this weekend due to good weather conditions and increased landings. Many varieties are down in price such as whole dabs 50-85p a lb; Dover sole £2.80-£3.80, grey mullet 88p-£1.20 (only in some areas), whole plaice 60-80p, halibut £2.50-£2.90. Large cod fillets £1.60-£1.90 are available in most areas, but codling fillets £1.40-£1.70 are scarce. Excellent quality mackerel 58-70p a lb and plaice fillets £1.80-£2.20, mostly larger sizes, rainbow trout £1.10-£1.30.

Mussels at 35-50p a lb and oysters 33-48p each, are now in season. Clams are very good value at 20p each, but dressed crab £1.65-£2.00 and lobster £4.40-£6.80 are scarce.

Prices of fresh chicken for September are: 78-86p a lb whole, quarters £1.02-£1.12, drumsticks £1.09-£1.29, boneless breast £2.19-£2.27, poussin £1.15 a lb. Marks and Spencer have fresh chicken on promotion this week at 72-78p according to weight.

Lamb is down a further penny or so a lb on leg, shoulder, and best end chops; average prices for whole leg £1.59, whole shoulder 95p and best end chops £1.63. Many shops have New Zealand lamb on special offer this week: Dewhurst whole legs £1.39 a lb, whole shoulder and whole lambs 79p a lb; Tesco lamb chops 98p; Sainsbury English Lamb legs £1.32, lamb cutlets £1.14 a lb; Safeway offer 50p off any shopping bill which includes whole leg of New Zealand lamb. Other good buys are Bejam pork chops £1.09 a lb; Fine Fare frying steak £2.28.

Many vegetables are cheaper this week, including runner beans and cauliflower at 25-35p a lb, courgettes 32-50p and new crop English carrots 10-1[illegible]p. Brussels sprouts, 28-32p a lb, are good quality. Mushrooms are a best buy at 40-55p a half lb for the flat open kind which have more flavour

Salad ingredients continue to be plentiful and good quality. Hothouse tomatoes 22-38p a lb, small cherry tomatoes 50-60p and beef hothouse 38-55p a lb, cucumbers 18-40p each depending on size, spring onions 23-35p a bunch and four varieties of lettuce 18-65p a head.

The last of the Greek sultana grapes, 30-50p a lb, are cheap but watch the quality; Spanish Almeria 50-60p, Napoleon (black) 60-80p or Italian Italia 60-75p, are probably a better buy. Spanish honeydew melons 40-95p each are very good, nectarines 10-30p and peaches 7-25p each are delicious. There are plenty of new apple arrivals including Katye 25-35p, Worcester Pearmains 25-30p, Tydeman worcester 20-35p and French and Spanish Granny Smiths 35-45p. English Victoria and Italian Stanley are the best plums from a wide selection.

Top films

The top box-office films in London:

1 (–) Desperately Seeking Susan
2 (1) Rambo: First Blood Part II
3 (–) Subway
4 (2) Nightmare on Elm Street
5 (3) A View to a Kill
6 (4) Brewster's Millions
7 (5) The Purple Rose of Cairo
8 (6) Perfect
9 (7) Witness
10 (9) Insignificant

The top films in the provinces:

1 Rambo: First Blood II
2 The Jungle Book
3 Birdie
4 Return to Oz
5 A View to a Kill

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Top video rentals

1 (1) The Karate Kid
2 (2) Tightrope
3 (4) Top Secret
4 (6) Police Academy
5 (3) A Private Function
6 (15) First Blood
7 (5) Red Dawn
8 (7) Bachelor Party
9 (12) Dune
10 (8) Romancing the Stone

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The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.02	1.92
Austria Sch	28.10	26.70
Belgium Fr	81.00	77.20
Canada $	1.855	1.775
Denmark Kr	14.40	13.70
Finland Mkk	8.45	8.05
France Fr	12.16	11.61
Germany DM	3.985	3.805
Greece Dr	187.00	178.00
Hong Kong $	10.50	10.00
Ireland Pt	1.282	1.222
Italy Lira	2660.00	2530.00
Japan Yen	333.00	316.00
Netherlands Gld	4.48	4.28
Norway Kr	11.85	11.10
Portugal Esc	234.00	223.00
South Africa Rd	3.50	3.10
Spain Pta	232.50	220.50
Sweden Kr	11.73	11.18
Switzerland Fr	3.29	3.13
USA $	1.36	1.30
Yugoslavia Dnr	425.00	385.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 375.7.

London: The *FT* Index closed up 7.4 at 1014.0.

Anniversaries

Births: **William Cecil, Lord Burghley**, chief minister to Elizabeth I, Bourne, Lincolnshire, 1520; **Arthur Henderson**, leader of the Labour Party 1931-35, Nobel Peace Laureate 1934, Glasgow, 1863; **Arnold Schoenberg**, composer, Vienna, 1874.

Deaths: **James Wolfe**, killed at the battle of Quebec, 1759; **Charles James Fox**, Statesman, London, 1806; **Leopold Stowkowski**, conductor, Nether Wallop, Hants, 1977.

Bond winners

The winning numbers in this week's draw for Premium Bond prizes are: £100,000: 16TN 137786 (winner lives in Bristol); £50,000: 4LF 756839 (London Borough of Tower Hamlets); £25,000: 2QK 593998 (Worcestershire).

Roads

The Midlands: M5: Northbound carriageway between junction 5 (Droitwich) and 4 (Bromsgrove); contraflow system operates on southbound. A456: Roadworks between Kidderminster and Birmingham at Welsh Gate, Bewdley; local diversion operates. A453: Major gas repairs between Ashby and Tamworth at Measham.

Wales and West: A40: Temporary lights between Abergavenny and Llandovery at Crickhowell, Powys. A40: Lane closures in both directions between Monmouth and Abergavenny at Mitchell Troy; lefthand lane closures on northbound approach to Raglan services, Gwent. A348: Carriageway work between Ferndown and Upton at Longham; long delays.

The North: A638: Construction of dual carriageway on Bawtry Rd, Doncaster, S Yorkshire. A1: Road repairs between A189 at Backworth to A1171 NE of Newcastle. A56: Major roadworks in York Rd, Sale.

Scotland: A702: Only one lane with lights at Carlops, Peeblesshire; bridge damage. A77: Inside lane of Renwick Rd, Giffnock, closed northbound; road construction.

Weather

A weak ridge of high pressure crossing the British Isles will be followed by Atlantic fronts approaching Western parts later in the day.

6am to midnight

London, SE, central S, SW England, East Anglia, Midlands, Channel Islands, S Wales: Mainly dry with sunny intervals; wind W or NW light or moderate; max temp 19C (66F).

E, NW, central N, NE England, N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man: Sunny intervals and scattered showers; wind W moderate; max temp 18C (64F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands: Sunny intervals and scattered showers, cloudy with outbreaks of rain later; wind W fresh or strong; max temp 17C (63F).

SW, NE, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Moray Firth, Argyll, Orkney Northern Ireland: Sunny intervals and showers, locally heavy, rain in the evening; wind W mainly strong, locally gale in exposed places; max temp 16C (61F).

Shetland: Sunny intervals and squally showers; wind W strong; max temp 13C (55F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Northern parts will have windy weather with rain or showers; the S will start dry but rain will spread from the N tomorrow followed by clearer drier weather on Sunday.

SEA PASSAGES: **North Sea**: Wind mainly NW moderate or fresh; showers at first; visibility mainly good; sea moderate. **Strait of Dover, English Channel**: Wind NW moderate or fresh; fair; visibility good; sea moderate. **St George's Channel**: Wind W Moderate becoming SW fresh; fair; visibility good; sea moderate. **Irish Sea**: Wind W fresh becoming SW strong or gale later; showers; rain later; visibility good becoming moderate; sea moderate becoming very rough.

Sun rises: 6.32 am
Sun sets: 7.20 pm
Moon rises: 4.11 am
Moon sets: 7.19 pm
New moon tomorrow.

Lighting-up time

London 7.50 pm to 6.04 am
Bristol 8.00 pm to 6.13 am
Edinburgh 8.06 pm to 6.12 am
Manchester 8.00 pm to 6.10 am
Penzance 8.11 pm to 6.26 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F
Belfast	r	13	55
Birmingham	s	22	72
Blackpool	s	22	72
Bristol	s	23	73
Cardiff	s	19	66
Edinburgh	s	21	70
Glasgow	c	19	66
Guernsey	s	21	70
Inverness	c	17	63
Jersey	s	21	70
London	s	24	75
Manchester	s	23	73
Newcastle	s	22	72
Ronaldsway	c	16	61

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 27C (81F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 15C (59F). Humidity: 6 pm, 41 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.0in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 10.8hr. Bar, mean-sea level, 6 pm, 1017.1 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: London, Heathrow 27C (81F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Benbecula 0.75in; highest sunshine: Sandown, Brighton 11.2hr.

Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge will be lifted today at approximately 11.10 am, and then again at 1.15 pm and 2.45 pm.

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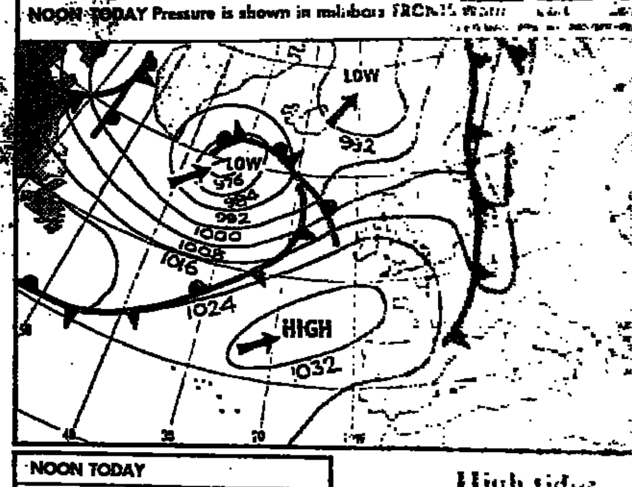
NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS



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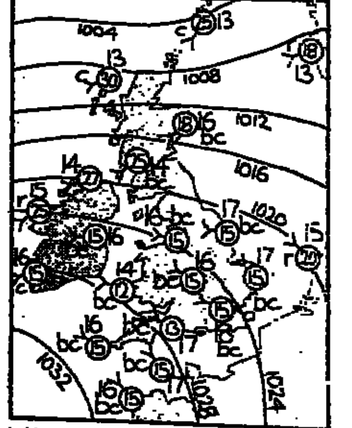

b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures centigrade.

High tides

TODAY
London Bridge
Aberdeen
Avonmouth
Belfast
Cardiff
Devonport
Dover
Falmouth
Glasgow
Harwich
Holyhead
Hull
Ilfracombe
Leith
Liverpool
Lowestoft
Margate
Milford Haven
Newquay
Oban
Penzance
Portland
Portsmouth
Shoreham
Southampton
Swansea
Tees
Walton-on-Naze

Tide measurement [illegible]

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	9.0	.01	23	73	sunny
Bridlington	8.3	–	18	64	sunny
Cromer	8.8	–	26	79	sunny
Lowestoft	8.8	–	21	70	sunny
Clacton	9.4	–	20	68	sunny
Margate	•	•	•	•	sunny
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	10.9	–	23	73	sunny
Hastings	11.0	–	21	70	sunny
Eastbourne	10.5	–	20	68	sunny
Brighton	11.2	–	20	68	sunny
Worthing	10.6	–	20	68	sunny
Littlehmptn	9.8	–	21	70	sunny
Bognor R	10.8	–	20	68	sunny
Southsea	10.8	–	23	73	sunny
Sandown	11.2	–	21	70	sunny
Shanklin	10.9	–	24	75	sunny
Bournemouth	9.5	–	21	70	sunny
Poole	9.0	–	24	75	sunny
Swanage	9.0	–	21	70	sunny
Weymouth	9.0	–	21	70	sunny
Exmouth	7.5	–	20	68	sunny am
Teignmouth	7.8	–	21	70	sunny am
Torquay	8.0	–	21	70	sunny
Falmouth	2.1	–	20	68	fog am
Penzance	2.2	–	19	66	foggy
Jersey	10.2	–	23	73	sunny
Guernsey	9.9	–	23	73	sunny
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	3.5	–	18	64	bright
Newquay	3.2	–	19	66	cloudy pm
Ilfracombe	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tenby	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Douglas	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Edinburgh	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; [illegible]

		C	F
Ajaccio	s	27	81
Akrotiri	f	28	82
Alexandria	c	28	82
Algiers*	s	30	86
Amsterdam	s	23	73
Athens	s	27	81
Bahrain*	s	35	95
Barbados*	c	27	81
Barcelona			
Beirut	f	28	82
Belgrade	[illegible]	22	72
Berlin	s	17	63
Bermuda			
Biarritz	s	31	88
Boulogne	s	25	77
Bordeaux	s	28	82
Brussels	s	26	79
Budapest	s	20	68
Buen Aires*	c	18	64
Cairo	s	30	86
Cape Tn	f	15	59
C'blanca	f	25	77
Chicago*	s	19	66
Ch'church*	s	11	52
Cologne	s	22	72
Copenhgn	f	19	66
Corfu	s	27	81
Dublin	f	15	59
Dubrovnik	s	24	75
Faro	f	26	79
Florence	s	28	82
Frankfurt	s	21	70
Funchal	f	25	77
Geneva	s	21	70
Gibraltar	s	27	81
Helsinki	f	14	57
Hong Kong	f	30	86
Innsbruck	s	21	70
Istanbul	f	22	72
Jeddah	s	33	91
Jo'burg*	s	25	77
Karachi*	[illegible]	29	84
Las Palmas	s	26	79
Lisbon	[illegible]	23	73
Locarno	c	23	73
L Angeles*	s	[illegible]	[illegible]
Luxembrg	s	21	70
Madrid*	s	29	84
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